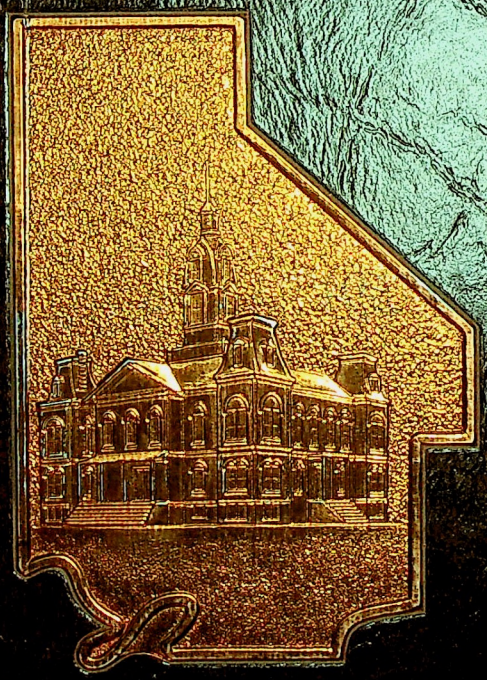

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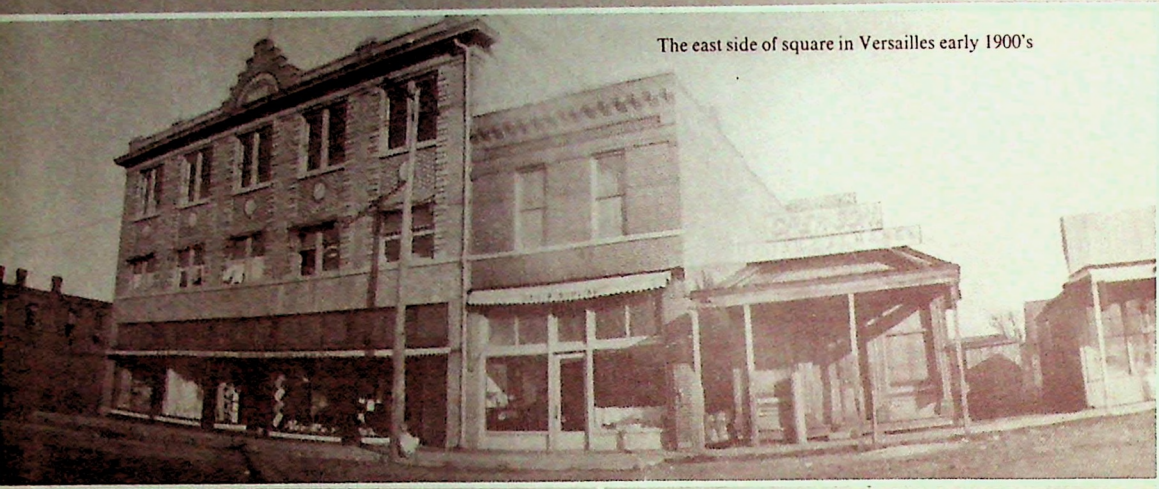

The east side of square in Versailles early 1900's

North side of square, east Newton St., Versailles

Moser Flour Mill & Ice Plant, Versailles, Mo.

Old corner drug store, corner Newton & Monroe St. destroyed by fire, 1921

City Hotel on south side of square in Versailles about 1915

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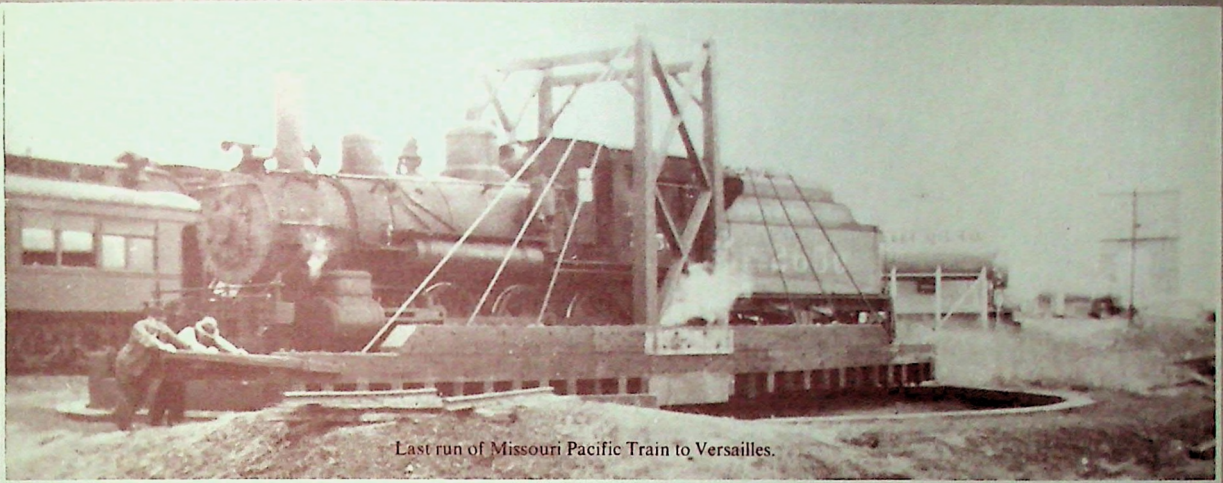
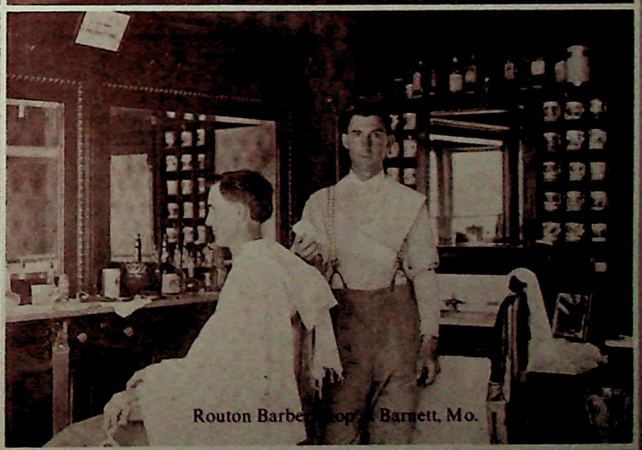


Last run of Missouri Pacific Train to Versailles.

Veulemans Mill, Gravois Mills, MO now covered by Lake of the Ozarks.

Morgan Co. men at Rock Island Depot departing for W.W. I.

Minnie Newton Millinery Shop at Stover, MO.



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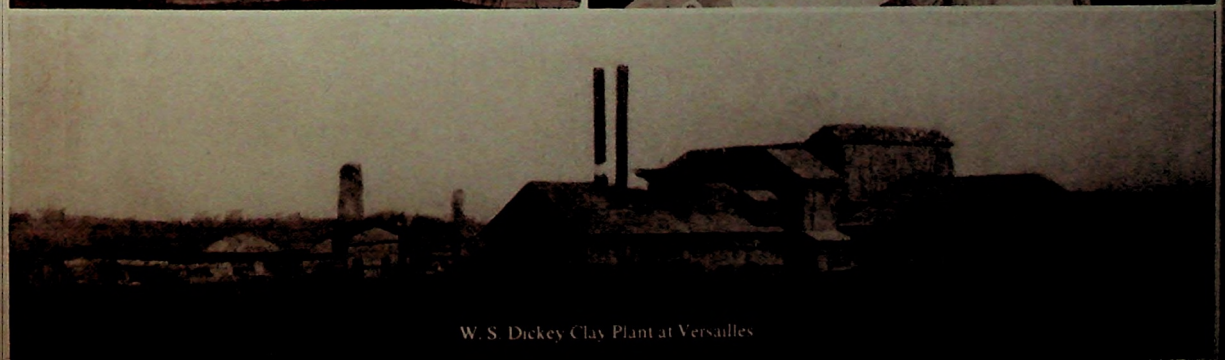

W. S. Dickey Clay Plant at Versailles

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# FOREWORD

The most recent history of Morgan County until now was written by A.G. Baker in 1906.

In the more than seven decades since, much has been added to the history of Morgan County; changes and events have occurred that have altered the political, social, economic and even physical condition of the county and its people. To update and record these changes and events is the major objective of this book.

The idea for this most recent chronicle was hatched in the minds of a few members of the Morgan County Historical Society some time ago. The members of that organization embraced the idea with enthusiasm, and the project was begun well over a year ago.

From the start, members of the Morgan County Historical Society wished to emphasize the "people" aspect of events. You will find that the major section of this book is devoted to biographies; personal and family accounts of people who have influenced and are influencing Morgan County events. People shape the destiny of any area. It is through the reported accomplishments of Morgan County residents that much of the county history is recorded on these pages.

We hope you will find this most recent account of the growth and development of Morgan County interesting and informative.

We wish you good reading,
Morgan County Historical Society
September, 1979

# THE MORGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Morgan County Historical Society was organized in Feb., 1965 at a mass meeting in the circuit court room of the Morgan County courthouse with 76 charter members, some of which paid dues within the following month.

First officers elected were Dorothy Bartram, president; Johanna McDonald, first vice president; Glen Housworth, second vice president; Eileen Yarnell, treasurer; Myra Petty, secretary, and Ruth Welty, historian.

In Jan., 1967 the Society purchased the north half of the old Martin Hotel, a 2-story frame building constructed in 1877, to be used as a museum. They restored and furnished the 12 rooms with antiques donated and loaned by residents of Morgan County, and opened the museum to the public on June 1, 1968.

Members raised the $5,000 cost of the building by borrowing $2,500 from each bank in Versailles, the Bank of Versailles and the Morgan County Bank. The indebtedness was paid off through donations, general financial drive in Versailles and money-raising activities. The members of the Morgan County Historical Society felt the need to preserve for posterity the history and memory of their ancestors' deeds and lives through the display and care of antiques and artifacts relative to the pioneer days of the county, and to record them for future use and reference. Seeing the need for further expansion, the Society purchased the north half of the Martin Hotel, a 2-story brick building adjoining the frame building, that was built in 1884, at a cost of $10,000 in 1974. The total cost of the buildings and restoration was paid off in a short time.

The Martin Hotel building was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1978.

The library of the museum contains files of the Morgan County newspapers dating back to 1887, a census of all cemeteries and graves in Morgan compiled by Mrs. Omega Hutchison, Mrs. Eileen Yarnell and Mrs. LaDean Drissen.

The 23-room museum is kept open to the public from June 1 until Sept. 1 daily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Morgan County Historical Society meets on the fourth Monday night of each month for a business session and program. An old-fashioned ice cream social is held on the fourth Monday night of each July, and a basket dinner for the membership is held on the fourth Monday night of each Sept.

Tourists visiting the Lake of the Ozarks area during the summer months and groups of school children and other organizations visit the museum each year.

Present officers are Mrs. Nita Brown Marriott, (a great-granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Martin, who established the Martin Hotel in 1854, and daughter of Foster Y. Brown, last owner of the hotel before it was acquired by the historical society); James D. Ritchie, vice president; Bethel Clodfelter, second vice president; Nora White, secretary and William W. Williams, treasurer.

Museum Marker

Museum old kitchen

Museum Parlor

Present Museum

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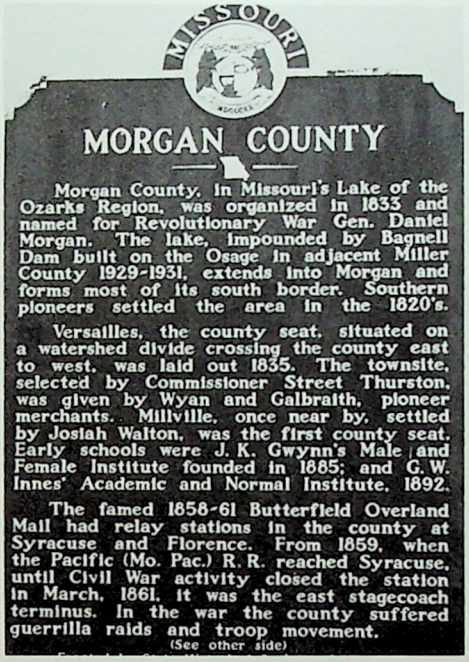
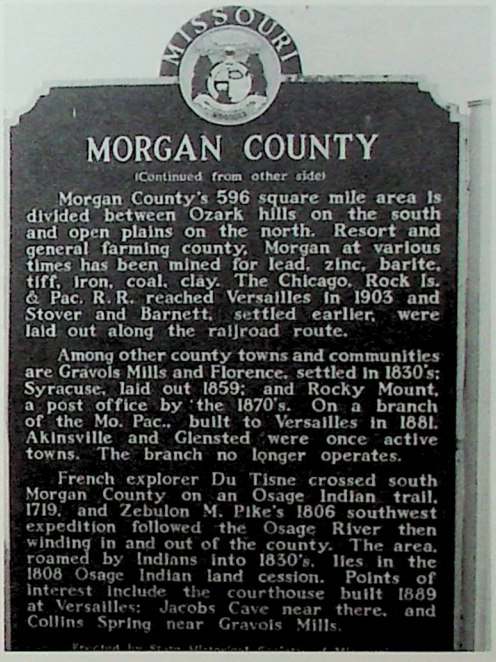
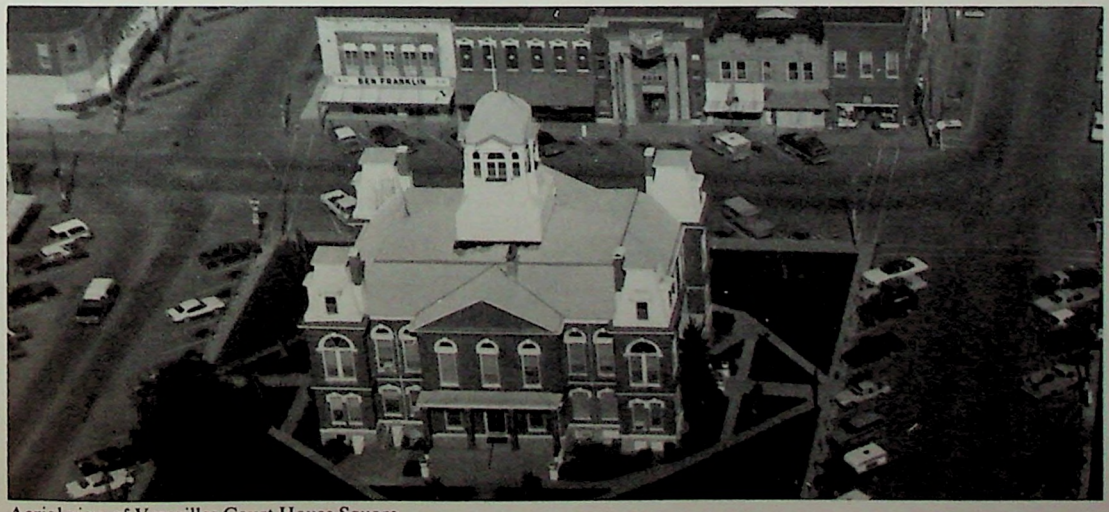
# GENERAL HISTORY




Missouri State Historical Markers of Morgan County




County has 596 square mile area




Aerial view of Versailles Court House Square

# Geologic History

In some ways, Morgan County is Missouri in miniature. The northern half of the county is, generally, made up of rolling hills and prairies; the southern part is more rugged, folded into hard, sharp hills and steep, narrow valleys.

Even the political boundary of Morgan County gives a shape that is roughly that of the state of Missouri. The parallel is better drawn here than in any other county of the Show-Me State.

The Ozark mountains — hills, if you prefer — are geologically ancient. They were old-timers when the relatively much younger Rockies were pushed above the earth's surface. In fact, most of Missouri is underlain with a plateau of igneous rock that once was a high, craggy ridge.

Since subterranean pressures forced up that ridge of granite and other primordial rock eons ago, the ridge has been overlain with layers of sandstone, shale and limestone. Where weather has eroded these layers, or streams have knifed through them, much of Morgan County's geologic history can be seen; as in the Roubidoux Sandstone near the mouth of Proctor Creek, in southern Morgan County. Similar sandstone deposits can be seen along the course of the Moreau Creek (River) in the northern part of the county.

The tortuous track of the Osage River is caused by the deposits and weathering of sedimentary rock of different hardness. For example, starting at the mouth of the Little Buffalo Creek, in southwestern Morgan County, the Osage (now the Lake of the Ozarks) enters an upward fold in the beds of rock and follows a remarkably crooked track until it leaves the formation at Linn Creek, in Camden County.

The snaky Osage River, winding as it does between and among folded up layers of rock, forms the Lake of the Ozarks — an impoundment that is scarcely 65 miles (by air, 125 by water) from Bagnell Dam to the lake's headwaters near Warsaw, but which has thirteen hundred miles of shoreline.

Flooded coal mine near Stover.

# Resources of Morgan Co. in 1837

The Gazateer of the State of Missouri, published by C. Kemmle of St. Louis in 1837 ran the following story on the resources of Morgan County:

Morgan County has running through it the Gravois Creek, which is about 25 miles long and empties into the Osage River ninety miles from its mouth. The creek is made up of springs which furnish a steady, useful stream with a uniform volume of water. The county is generally well watered with springs, several of which afford their sources of water sufficient for grist mills, which are in operation.

There is only one county, Cooper County, that lies between Morgan County and the Missouri River, and, having the Osage River on the south, it is happily located with reference to the shipment of produce.

A considerable portion of this county is rich prairie land, situated in the vicinity of timber. The poor land on the ridge near the Osage and Gravois is filled with lead ore, which is found in the branches and is picked up on the hill tops. The limestone in Morgan County is good and abundant. The sandstone is, in some instances, wrought into grindstones and thus advantageously used. Only two grist mills and one saw mill have been erected in Morgan County. There are fifteen mill sites on the Gravois and with the spring branches of the county, furnish as much water power as the farmers could wish to encourage them to make wheat a staple product. The soil of the county invites the cultivation of wheat.

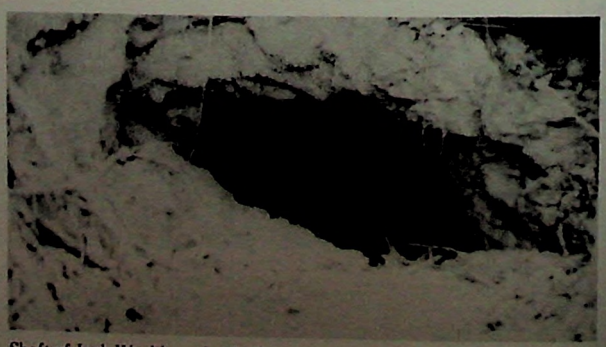
The river bottoms of this county are very rich and suitable for tobacco plantations. As stock-raising here is profitable, much of the ground in cultivation is covered with corn fields.

The timber of Morgan County is oak of various kinds, hickory and black and white walnut. The cherry trees are of suitable size for furniture and sugar trees are in great abundance. Twelve and fifteen miles from the mouth of the Gravois Creek is an existence of a fine grove of black locust.

There is a company of miners engaged in digging lead mineral on the Gravois Creek.

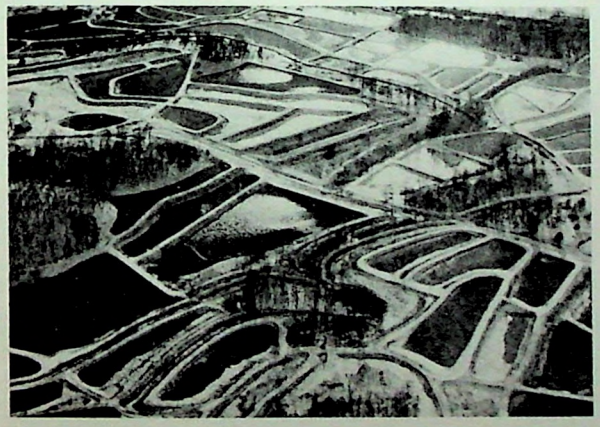
There is a cave in Morgan County near the Gravois Creek, which opens at the base of a hill and extends beneath and through it, a distance of about 200 yards. A person on horseback can ride through it and a crucible has been found in the cave and preserved in the neighborhood. It is said to have been used by a French mining company, in testing the silver ore they had dug somewhere on the Lamine River about 50 miles from this place. It is possible that the crucible, a pot used for melting metals, may have been used in some of the work of the Niangua counterfeit banking company. The parent banking house was located at no very great distance from this cave.

Versailles is the seat of justice of Morgan County and there merchandise is vended in five stores and mechanic shops. But, while it is contemplated to divide and form a new county of Morgan and the adjoining Pulaski county on the south, business arrangements at this location or elsewhere in the county will remain a little unsettled.



Shaft of Jack Washburn lead mine.

Jacob's Cave — Morgan County's largest developed cave



Ponds at Missouri Goldfish Hatchery

Moss Homestead

Morgan County Street Fair

Bank of Versailles, 1853. *L to R:* Dr. S.R. Woods, Mr. W.L. Stephens, Herman Kroeschen, Josiah Lehman.

# TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES

Fourth of July at Stover in 1911

# Versailles Established 1835

When Morgan County was organized by act of the legislature in 1833, Daniel Dunklin, then governor of Missouri, appointed Zachens German, Seth Howard and John B. Fisher justices of the county court. Court was first held in the home of John B. Fisher, where the members divided the county into five townships, Moreau, Osage, Buffalo, Haw Creek and Richland. They also ordered that the temporary seat of justice be located at the home of Josiah S. Walton.

The first county seat of Morgan County, called Millville, was located six miles southeast of the present Versailles, and was named because of the big saw mill and grist mill on the Little Gravois Creek at the site. The county seat remained there for about two years.

In 1835 Wyan and Galbraith, pioneers of Morgan County, donated 36 blocks of land, each 170 feet square, and platted the town of Versailles. At this time the remnants of the Osage tribe of Indians still lived in the county.

In 1836 the county purchased a log house at the northeast corner of the public square from Phillip Barger, and this was used as a courthouse. The seat of the county court was located there for about eight years.

At the February term of court, 1841, arrangements were made to build a new courthouse and plans were submitted and approved in March. However, a county seat "war" was in progress and an attempt was made to move the county seat to Iona, a small boom town then located at short distance east of town in Sec. 1-43-18. The court held that the act of the General Assembly fixed the seat of justice permanently at Versailles.

At the May term of court in 1843 James Sims was appointed commissioner, and James P. Ross, county attorney. Plans were again submitted and approved for a courthouse and it was advertised in the Jefferson Inquirer and Missouri Register that contracts would be let for the building. On June 12, 1843 contracts were let with the stipulation that the building was to be completed by May, 1848. On May 9, 1844 James Sims reported to the court that M.C. Young, contractor, had completed the building and the November term of court would be held there.

The new courthouse was a modest 2-story brick building that stood in the center of the public square, surrounded by a corral fence.

In its infancy the village of Versailles was long and narrow, having only two streets running north and south, Monroe and Fisher streets, and ten streets running east and west. Hugh Brown, county surveyor, surveyed the land, assisted by William Monroe.

The highest point of the tract, selected for the courthouse, afforded a panoramic view of the rolling wooded hills to the south and the broad expanse of prairie land to the north. Street Thurston, an ancestor of the Gunn family, selected the site of the town and lots were sold at public vendue.

Hugh Galbraith built the first building in town, a small brick structure on North Monroe street, one block north of the square. Galbraith was also the first postmaster of Versailles.

In 1836 William Hicks opened a 3-room tavern or inn and livery stable on South Monroe street southwest of the square. This was a stagecoach stop for the Jefferson City to Springfield line. Zebulon Moore and Joseph Steele were among the early builders in Versailles as were Daniel Williams & Lindley, who had a blacksmith shop, John T. Harmon boarding house, T & P Miller, general store, and Milton O'Brian, carpentry shop. All the buildings huddled around the courthouse square. Lumber for the Versailles buildings was brought by ox cart from Walton's lumber mill.

In 1840 there were seventy people and twenty-five buildings in Versailles. At about this time Dr. J.B. Thruston came here and began the practice of medicine and in 1848 Dr. McClelland joined him.

L.E. Williamson, Versailles capitalist, owned a sawmill on Gravois Creek south of Versailles, where lumber was sawed for buildings in Williamson's Addition to the city of Versailles.

It was during the year 1844 when Wm. Kidwell, Sr. established the Kidwell undertaking and furniture business on North Monroe street in Versailles. Kidwell and members of his family made coffins to order and furniture from walnut lumber. The business was later owned by David Kidwell and at his death his son, William F. Kidwell, became the owner and dropped the furniture store after a few years to concentrate on the funeral business. He was the first licensed embalmer in Versailles.

First Courthouse in Versailles

Morgan County Courthouse Millville, 1833

In 1846 a stagecoach line, operated from Jefferson City to Springfield by way of Versailles, Cole Camp and Warsaw. Stagecoach service progressed from three trips a week to daily service. The main roads over which the stagecoaches traveled were called "state roads" and were narrow dirt roads that became muddy in wet weather.

The first sidewalks in Versailles were made of wood planks and in 1891 the town had gas lights, furnished by the Chicago Globe, Light and Heat Co. In 1904 the first electric light plant was established in Versailles as a municipal plant that supplied electricity to the town from 7 p.m. until daylight. In 1919 the population voted to grant Henry Moser the right to erect and maintain an electric light plant for lighting the streets of Versailles as well as the homes.

In 1909 an artificial ice plant was built in Versailles on West Newton street two blocks west of the Rock Island Railroad crossing. This 10 — ton capacity plant was the first ice plant here. Previously several businessmen, including C.H. Mason, Charley Price and M. Spidel sold ice from their ice houses in town, which were filled with blocks of ice sawed from the creeks and ponds in the dead of winter and stored in the buildings, which were insulated with sawdust between the double walls.

The town of Versailles was practically wiped out by major fires, the first of which occurred on Oct. 23, 1886. This fire started on West Newton street two blocks west of the square and burned eastward to the corner of South Monroe street taking with it many business buildings. The second fire came just five months later, while residents of the town were still stunned from the first fire. This fire came on March 13, 1887, starting in Banks Bros. Drygoods Store, located at the northwest corner of the square. A high wind fanned the blaze across the street to the courthouse, destroying it. The fire burned all the business buildings on the west and south side of the square.

The citizens of Versailles rallied following the disaster and soon started rebuilding the town.

The first railroad in Versailles was the Boonville — Versailles branch of the Missouri Pacific from Tipton to Versailles, completed in 1880. Morgan County donated $135,000 toward this project, according to historical records. This railroad line ceased operations in 1936 and the old depot, with its turntable on which the trains were turned around, located just off North Monroe street two blocks north of the square, was removed.

The Rock Island Railroad was completed from St. Louis to Kansas City in 1903 in time for transportation from this county to the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904. The construction of this railroad resulted in the establishment of the clay manufacturing plant in the west part of town. The coming of the railroads to Versailles caused a twenty-five percent increase in the population and the establishment of many new businesses. The Rock Island passenger service in Versailles was discontinued in April, 1959.

The first steam flour mill in Versailles, known as the Empire Steam Flour Mill, was located on three acres of land west of the original town of Versailles on the land near the present junction of Highways 5 and 52 west. It was established in 1875 and the land later became a part of Versailles. Henry Moser purchased the mill in 1892 and operated the Moser's Mill until 1931, when the 3 — story building housing it was destroyed by fire.

The first telephone company in Versailles was organized in the late 1890's, incorporated July 18, 1901 for $5,000. At one time the only long distance phone in Versailles was in the M. Spidel Confectionery on North Monroe street, one block north of the square. In 1906 Fred G. and George B. Dressie purchased the exchange and operated the office in a back room of the Martin Hotel. The telephone company was operated at different locations over town until on July 12, 1912 E.M. Carter and sons of Keytesville purchased the company and erected a square brick building on North Fisher street northeast of the square in 1918. The phone company was later sold and known as the Scotia Telephone Co., again as the Ozark Central Telephone Co. and finally as the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. as different owners purchased the business.

Various telephone companies in the county were set up, including the Farmer's Telephone Co., which was located at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loan Kauffman about three miles northeast of Versailles, and the telephone company at the Woolery home of Glensted.

The first mayor of Versailles, elected in July, 1881, was B.R. Richardson, with James McNair, James L. Townley, George W. Petty and John D. Nielsen as aldermen. Other mayors who have served Versailles include Max Joachimi, Sr., L.S. Wright, Samuel Livingston, W.L. Stephens, John Lumpee, George P. Clark, E.A. Crewson, Dave Kidwell, Lewis Lumpee, Samuel Daniels, S.R. Woods, B.R. Richarson, William Forman, F.A. White, Dr. Wm. Well, O.L. Leatherman, Douglas Hubbard, Wm. F. Kidwell, Roy E. Otten, C.P. Jamison, Charles Bennett, Jesse Allee, Wm. A. Caine and Jas. R. Scrivner.

Municipal waterworks went into Versailles in 1923 during the mayorship of Wm. F. Kidwell. Prior to that fires were fought by bucket brigades who used chemicals and water from cisterns and hand — dug wells located over town for that purpose. The Versailles Rural Fire Department was organized in 1952.

Versailles in 1976 had a population of 2,440. There have been new additions to the town and bordering subdivisions have been established with new housing in the past few years.

Courthouse in Versailles, 1844 destroyed by fire in 1887

# Florence

The town of Florence, Mo., was platted June 3, 1832. The land grant was entered from the government by a Mr. Williams and, subsequently, the town was first given the name of Williamsville. The name of Florence was given to the town in 1840 when a postoffice was established there.

Blacksmith Shop in Florence, Mo.

Before the Civil War the population of Florence was 500 people. It was located on the Butterfield Trail that ran from Boonville to Springfield and livery business boomed. At that time the town boasted of a busy hotel, three general stores, two blacksmith shops, wagon shops, five saloons, two packing houses and three churches. The packing houses were the main businesses of the town. Hogs were raised on a big scale, sold to the packing houses, and the meat was taken to Boonville on schooner wagons drawn by oxen.

Two of the important businesses in Florence were the tannery yards and the Hummel pottery plant, located on the Hummel homestead at the west edge of Florence. Clay was dug south of Florence and hauled to the pottery plant, which was a three-story building. Manufactured at the plant were jars, vases, tile and pottery stoves. Many families still have pieces of the Hummel pottery in their possession.

Ben Hummel ran for the clerk of Morgan County in 1899 but was defeated.

A major fire during the Civil War destroyed much of the town of Florence, from which it never fully recovered.

Among the business men in Florence in 1900 were Milton Lewis, Rasa & Lemke, H.A. Bremer, Frank Casdorph, and Wm. Teiman. Frank Bremer was principal of the Florence school and drew a salary of $45.00 per month, according to the records.

Carl Siegel bought the general store in Florence from the Bremers in 1921 and was in the business until 1941. The Siegels kept long hours at the store, from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. and many days bought from 65 to 70 cases of eggs, many coops of chickens and cans of cream. In the 1930's they had a delivery route that covered the area around Florence.

# Syracuse

Jeff Shanklin and J.J. Carpenter, oldtimers who shot deer on the present site of the town of Syracuse, saw the tall prairie grass give way to a sizeable town and predicted the town would have a population of between 4,000 and 5,000 in 1860. At that time there were thirteen saloons, eight hotels, many stores and several wholesale establishments, including a hardware, Queensware and a liquor store, all located on the north side of the business street, now Highway 50.

Construction of the Missouri Pacific Railroad line began between Tipton and Syracuse in 1857 and in May, 1859 the actual laying of the rails commenced. The first passenger train reached Syracuse in June, 1859.

Syracuse was first named Pacific City but was later changed to Syracuse after it was learned by some of its citizens that another town near St. Louis had the same name.

Two stagecoach lines served the new town, the Butterfield Overland Mail and the Franklin and Parker Stage.

During the civil war twenty men were shot in the streets of the town, and the railroad station was destroyed by fire. Other skirmishes followed and the cemeteries were filled with the bodies of more than one hundred unidentified Union and Confederate soldiers.

The railroad station, which was rebuilt, remained at Syracuse for about eighty years. Syracuse was incorporated May 6, 1868.

Among the earliest businesses in Syracuse were those of William and Henry Porth, W.E. Thompson & Sons, Charles Printer and Dave Decker. In 1875 H.M. Keevil opened Keevil's Store and operated it until his death in 1918. Mara T. Keevil then operated the store until his death.

George Hutcheson and Perry Tivis operated a wool carding establishment in 1870. Alfred and W.C. McCutcheon operated a grist mill and saw mill, which they started in 1836. John and Simpson McCoy also operated a sawmill. A devastating fire occurred in 1881, which changed the face of Syracuse and in 1899 Tom Griffin's Seymour House, the last of the early day hotels was destroyed by fire.

After the end of the Civil War the railroad pushed westward and the population and businesses of Syracuse moved with it. For several years Syracuse was little more than a ghost town.

Syracuse now has a population of 214 and A.C. Thomas is mayor. Stanley Brauer is city clerk and D.F. Schroeder is collector and city marshal. Present businesses include Koenke's garage, Thomas Hog Market, Fren's grocery store, Syracuse post office, two beauty shops, one cafe, two service stations, a barber shop, plumbing shop, antique store, two carpenter and cabinet shops and a kennel.

# Stover

Stover, Mo. was named in honor of Col. John Stover, a Union officer in the Civil War. He was appointed to the Congress in 1868 to fill a vacancy in the U.S. House of Representatives, created by the resignation of Joseph McClurg.

The first postoffice was established in 1875 with Dietrich Rover as postmaster.

The railroad played an important part in the future of Stover. The St. Louis-Kansas City-Colorado Railroad (later known as the Rock Island) expanded westward to Stover from Versailles. The railroad, however, bypassed Stover to the north so the town was moved from Old Stover north to its present location.

The postoffice was moved to New Stover in 1904 and H.K. Welpman was appointed postmaster. On March 20, 1905 the post office department changed the name to Stover.

In 1905 the Farmer's Bank of Stover was founded by Burrell T. Vickrey, who was one of the early community leaders.

Others included Henry Bauer, John Coester, Otto Fajen, Fred Gerlt, Charles Hamrick, Henry A. Harrell, John Kraxberger, Claude Rapp, Louis Tagtmeyer, Newton Todd and Dr. Charles Wiest.

The Stover Bank was established in 1912 by J.W. Mayfield of Otterville. It was in operation for about 24 years and Elroy Warnke was president most of that time. The bank was absorbed by Farmer's Bank.

Henry A. Harrell moved from Gerald to Stover in 1911 and founded the town's first newspaper, the Stover News. Harrell changed the name of the paper to the Tri-County Republican in 1922. He continued the publication until 1963 when he sold it to his son-in-law and daughter, Matt and Clarice Washlick.

Barnett General Merchandise Store
Jim Routon and Ed. A. Williams

# Excelsior (Dogwood Grove)

Dogwood Grove was established Nov. 17, 1857. The Post office discontinued Oct. 10, 1862. Re-established Nov. 25, 1862 and name changed to Excelsior.

On July 18, 1867, John Ratcliff, Notary Public, surveyed the town of Excelsior and it was platted Feb. 3, 1868. It is situated in Moreau township, northeast of Versailles. J.G. Ehrhardt of California, Mo., laid out the town and built the first dwelling and business houses.

In 1889 it had 50 inhabitants, Post office, store, blacksmith shop, flour mill, a school and church.

Dr. Harvey Blacksten, who practiced medicine for fifty years within a wide radius of his home at Excelsior, was the beloved "Healer" who gained the faith and admiration of his patients through the administering of his medicines back in the horse and buggy days. In 1896 he married Jennie Cress and moved into a large, new eight room house and moved his office to a building in the southwest corner of their spacious yard. Later he built a fine office across the street.

In 1891 Allen Buzan bought the Excelsior Mill from Mrs. Mary Schmitz of Sedalia, Mo., for $700.

In 1908 the merchants were H.E. Blacksten, Chas. Krushen, Fred Monsees, Tising and Norfleet. By 1915 C.W. Poehlman and Tising and Norfleet were the only stores.

Judge R.A. Norfleet served the county two successive terms as representative and also two years as presiding Judge. His wife Minnie Tising Norfleet, world traveler wrote a book in 1918, "Whirl Around The World". The Norfleet had a lovely home at the end of Main Street, which burned while Elvin and Ila Hutchison lived there, they built a new home on the same place.

In 1972 Eli Wheeler and family moved here from Pennsylvania, when he learned the old Simpson Coal Mine Building in Excelsior was for sale. He decided to clean it up and reopen the store. The mining company had built it as a general store 1917, but closed in 1962. It is the only store in Excelsior today.

# Barnett

A man, whose last name was Lusk, built the first store in Barnett in about 1870 and named the town for his son, Barnett, who died in his youth. Known as Barnettsville in the early days, the town's name was later changed to Barnetts and finally the government legally designated the town as Barnett.

The first postoffice was located west of Barnett in the old stone house known as the G.B. McDow farm and Hiram Madole was first postmaster. It was called the Stone House Postoffice. The postoffice was later moved to the Ashton farm and Horace and George Ashton were postmasters. Later it was moved to Old Barnett, where Lusk and Dr. W.L. Hatler were postmaster and deputy postmaster, respectively.

Names of early settlers in Barnett include those of Sharples, Sanders, Gracy, Murray, Bradshaw, Routon, Imler, Crane, Beard, Brock, German, Kelley, Jones, Books, Gunn, McDow, Ashton, Ratcliff, Brown, Beanland, Strong, Goodman, Lusk, Hargett, Yows, Madole, Inglish, Belle, Porter, Erickson, and Phillips. They came from Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina.

On April 18, 1880, a cyclone swept through the area from southeast to northwest about a mile wide and destroyed the town. The storm, which struck at about 5 p.m. on Sunday, killed and injured several people.

The early population of the town, after it was rebuilt, was thirty people. The present population is 167. Two early day medical doctors of Barnett were Dr. W.L. Hatler, who owned and operated a drugstore, and Dr. W.J. Wheat.

The present town of Barnett is located at the west end of a strip of land once known as McCasland Gap, and is located now one mile south of Old Barnett. The town moved over to the new location in 1903 when the Rock Island railroad was completed to Barnett.

The Talley family of which Marian Talley who became an operatic singer in later years, lived where the Barnett Union Church now stands.

H.F. Beckman operated a general store in the new Barnett, in which the postoffice was also located. Later the postoffice was moved to another location and Henry L. Windler was appointed postmaster.

Other early businessmen of the new town were James B. Routon, who had a general store, a lumber yard erected by H.R. Yows and J.R. Proctor. J.D. Bradshaw became the owner of the store and operated it until 1933 when he moved to Leeton. Morton Routon and Elmer Routon were the town's early barbers. The town at one time supported two cafes. W.O. Morrow, and later, John Hart, operated one of the cafes in the days when bread was shipped to them daily by train in wooden boxes. Owners of the other cafe included Joel Crowder, Roscoe White and Wray Riffle. Another general store was owned by Frank Wayham, N.A. Yows and Charles Uptergrove.

A saloon and jail were located near the Rock Island railroad tracks.

In 1906 W.H. Strong built a private school called the Barnett Institute, in the west part of town, which drew students for miles around. In 1908 the Barnett Public School was built in the east part of town.

Lewis Weaver operated a furniture store and undertaking business.

Town blacksmiths included Bill Duncan, Jack Erickson, Ed Muldon, Bert Rastorfer and Alex Sanders. Jim Hill and later Joe Hull and son, Grover operated a livery stable.

In the early days of Barnett there were six passenger trains a day.

In 1906 a telephone exchange was installed by G.B. Phillips. It was later owned by T.H. Dilse and finally by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Rural mailcarriers have been R.A. Sears, Oscar Riffle, C.L. Williams, Dwight McDonald, J.A. Gorham and Clifford Gunn.

Millinery stores were operated by Mrs. Martha Ratcliff and Mrs. Ella Ratcliff, Mrs. Ethel Yows and Mrs. Rose Phillips.

Mrs. Alice Flottman operated a hotel in Barnett for many years, built in 1906.

The Barnett Union Church was moved to new Barnett in 1905 with W.L. Bradshaw as president and W.W. Gillum, cashier.

Barnett, at one time, was a thriving shipping center for livestock.

# Bethel

In April, 1866, forty-seven years after the ancestors of the Bethel Mennonite people came from Switzerland and settled, in Wayne County Ohio, five families migrated to this part of Missouri. Soon other families came and settled in the area they called Bethel.

The Mennonites gathered in homes every second Sunday for worship services, scripture reading and prayer before there was a church in the area. Hymn singing was, and still is, an important part of their service. In April, 1867, two ministers and elders from Summerfield, Ill. came and officiated at a communion service.

In October, 1867 the people decided to build a church, and Bethel church was built. Then there came a peaceful split in the church and in 1871 Mt. Zion Mennonite church was built. Fifty-one members of Bethel church retained their membership, the others went to Mt. Zion.

The first minister of Bethel Church was P.P. Lehman, Jr. The Rev. M.S. Moyer came in 1878. Both were ordained ministers.

On May 26, 1872 a cyclone passed through the community, wrecking sixteen homes and killing two people. On April 19, 1916 another tornado struck and, at that time, the Hazel Dell Insurance Co. reportedly paid out $20,000 to cover the losses.

The first homes built in the community were similar, four rooms upstairs and four downstairs, with cellars and attics. Families spoke the Swiss language. Later the people built smaller houses back of the "big house" which was called the summer house and was primarily for cooking and canning during hot summer months. These smaller houses have all been removed.

Farming and dairying have been the predominate means of livelihood in the Bethel community and there are some very prosperous farmers in the area.

In 1904 the Rev. D.D. King, pastor of Bethel Church, built a new home about one quarter mile north of the church. This was the most modern home in the area and in 1919 the trustees of the church purchased the building with ten acres to be used as a parsonage.

The present Bethel church building was constructed in 1908-09 and was dedicated on Aug. 22, 1909. Electric lights were installed in the building in 1940, after acetylene gas lights had been used for 31 years.

The church celebrated its 100th anniversary in June, 1967 when special services were held, family antiques were displayed and former residents of the community returned for a homecoming.

# Glensted

Glensted, located six miles north of Versailles, was once such a flourishing little town that on certain days wagons could hardly pass on its mainstreet. Today, however, the only life left there is the active little Methodist church and community center. Fellowship dinners are held there and the Lord's Acre sale, held in the fall, is attended by many people of the community as a fund-raising activity for the church.

Glensted church was organized in 1862 and a church building was erected in 1886. The present building was built in 1904 on ground donated by the late O.J. Harrison.

The first town on the site was called Harrisonville. The building of a line between Versailles and Boonville by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. brought a school teacher to the area named Joe Milburn, from Florence, who re-named the town Glensted.

Milburn operated a big country store with every kind of merchandise, including machinery, for many years. Milburn's store served for many things. Milburn bought the people's produce, their lumber, served as ticket agent and was the town's first postmaster. The Missouri Pacific Company bought a thousand cords of wood a year from Milburn as well as railroad ties. Special trains were run to Versailles to buy ties from M.L. Joachimi. Milburn and Henry Gehlken owned a flour mill at Glensted and the men hauled wagon loads of flour to Osage, Climax Springs and around and it took two or three days to haul it over the dirt roads.

J.T. Marriott operated a small grist mill to which farmers brought their corn to be ground for meal and chicken feed. E.C. Spaulding operated a blacksmith shop in Glensted for 63 years. Milburn had stock yards near the railroad track and a carload of stock was shipped to St. Louis every Monday.

"The Concrete", a large concrete building, formerly a school built in 1899, served Glensted for many years as a community meeting place.

Business that flourished in Glensted in the old days included a hoop pole factory, harness shop, bakery, millinery shop in 1900 operated by Mrs. Milburn and Mrs. Charley Mock near the Milburn store, general store operated by A.Y. Cooper, a restaurant and a livery stable.

Milburn gave the land for the Glensted District School, one half mile north of the town, which was destroyed by fire in 1905 and rebuilt in 1906.

For many years the Farmers Telephone Co. served the people of the community. It was first located in the Jake Kauffman home and later moved to Glensted where is was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Charley Woolery.

In 1936 the train was discontinued and the population dropped from its 400 population at the turn of the century to

only a few families today. Bartle's station, one mile south, where the train would switch off cars of feed for cattle on the Bartle farm, a cattle feeder and St. Martins, a village located three miles northeast of Glensted, have died one by one.

In the Glensted cemetery located across the road from the church, are buried solders, farmers, teachers, merchants, preachers and people in all walks of life who helped to build Glensted.

# Gravois Mills

Gravois Mills, which,until the Lake of the Ozarks was formed in 1931, was little more than a hamlet on the Big Gravois Creek, now has many businesses and several industries. Although the markers on Highway 5 at the limits of the city list the population as thirty-four, the number of residents of the village is now about one hundred. In 1970, at the time of the last census, the mobile home addition to Gravois Mills which now consists of about thirty mobile homes, was nonexistent. Most of the residents now live in that area, which is located on the old mill race west of the highway.

In Feb., 1931, upon completion of the Bagnell Dam, the waters of the Lake of the Ozarks slowly crept from the dam to Warsaw, a distance of 129 miles. It flooded the Big Gravois Creek and the lowlands in the Gravois Mills Community. Resorts quickly sprang up, shops, stores and restaurants started crowding the old Williams General Store and postoffice, the only building on the east side of the highway, and Lozier Stidham's blacksmith shop and home on the west side of the road.

The original boundaries of Gravois Mills, set when the town was first incorporated, place the lines two hundred feet on either side of Highway 5 and extending from the two town markers, a distance of about one mile. In spite of the growth of the village in the past several years, the boundaries of the place have not been changed.

John T. Washburn built the first brick building in Gravois Mills in 1884 and operated it as a general store for many years, after which members of the family ran the store. Lige Williams was the store's owner for years and later his son, Clifford, operated it.

The first postoffice in Gravois Mills was opened in Humes Mill on Aug. 24, 1860. Joe Humes was the first postmaster. The late Mabel McKinley served as postmaster for thirty-one years. The present postmaster, Kenneth C. James, says the postoffice now serves approximately 4,300 patrons out of the postoffice and on the two rural routes out of Gravois Mills.

Some oldtimers in Gravois Mills and surrounding community remember the grist mill that was operated by the Veulemans family for many years. It was located on the mill race at the present site of Millsite Marina north of the highway.

The Kidwell Brothers Bracket Factory, which stood near Big Gravois Creek, was also an industry for many years in Gravois Mills.

The biggist industry in Gravois Mills is Wright's Custom Cultured Marble Factory, located one half block west of Highway 5 in the middle of the town. Operated by Ed Wright and son, the place manufactures lavatories, bathtubs, shower bases and wall paneling. The place, which employs four people, is being enlarged and operates four ten-hour days per week. The Wrights also have a machine shop in Gravois Mills where contract work is done.

Tourist business on the Gravois Arm of the Lake has caused marinas to spring up and those in Gravois Mills are Millsite Landing, Henderson's Marina and Ship's Pier Marina. The three motels, Drop Anchor, Robin Wood, Gravois Mills Motel and the Apache Motel are filled with guests during the tourist season from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

A town mayor and council were elected on May 2, 1971 when Richard Gerlt was elected mayor. Mary Shipley, town clerk, Jim Bloomfield, Jack Stevens and Clifford Williams, councilmen. The mayor has since moved from Gravois Mills and the city council no longer holds regular meetings. One of the accomplishments of the city governing body was the installation of street lights in the village.

The Gravois School, now used as a community building owned by the V.F.W. Post, was closed in 1947. For many years the large white frame building, located in the western part of the village, educated area children through the eight grades and two years of high school. Gravois Mills children are now bused to the Morgan County R-II South School, about three miles south of Gravois Mills and to the Versailles schools.

The Gravois Mills Methodist Church was built in 1953 and services are held there each Sunday with the Rev. Joseph Comer as pastor. The Gravois Mills Baptist Church, with the Rev. Stanley Birge as pastor, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, with Fr. Clarence Wiederholt as pastor, also hold regular services with larger congregations during the summer months when tourists come as visitors.

The Gravois Mills Volunteer Fire Department is headed by Howard Honeycutt as chief and has about thirty members.

Myron Bias, of Versailles, heads V.F.W. Post 5902, which has more than three hundred members. The Post was organized in August, 1966. Mrs. Joe Walters of Gravois Mills is president of the Auxiliary, which has one hundred eleven members, and was organized in 1968.

The Gravois Mills Lions Club, now in its 25th year, is headed by Orville Parlett and has twenty-four members. The club meets two nights a month for a dinner and business session at the Rail Fence Cafe in Gravois Mills.

The Gravois Mills Business and Professional Women's Club is composed of members from the Gravois Mills area and Versailles. Mrs. Jim Barron is president and the club hold dinner meetings on the second Thursday night of each month.

Troutdale Ranch, located about one mile west of the center of town contributes much to the activity of the town. Six employees work the year around, seven days a week at the ranch, where trout are raised and sold. H.C. McQuerter started Troutdale in 1939. A large clear water spring at the head of the hollow that formerly filled Collins Lake in the area many years ago, flows five and one-half million gallons of water every twenty-four hours to supply cold water for the trout business. The ranch covers 576 acres of ground and is owned by Don Belcher, of Los Angeles, Alan Gates and Elam Carlson of Gravois Mills with Gates as manager and vice president. Sixty tons of trout are sold each year, most of which is shipped to city restaurants. Public fishing was started in 1958.

A short distance from Gravois Mills is the Ozarks Crafts Shop, bought and operated by the Gravois Mills Senior Citizens organization.

Gravois Mills was incorporated as a fourth class town on April 8, 1956.

# Marvin

In 1900-1903 the Rock Island Railroad Co. built a railroad through Morgan County, erecting a depot about every six miles. Marvin was established and named after a man named

Marvin, who was chief engineer on the Rock Island. There were four divisions of the town and three streets, Main Street, Daniels Avenue and Logan Street.

In 1903 William and Isaac Daniels, seeing the business possibilities of the town, built a general store called the Daniels Bros. General Store. Wm. Daniels was the first postmaster, commissioned in 1904. Other postmasters through the years were Sam Nichols, Carl Gunn, E.A. Gunn and Mrs. G.B. Phillips. Wm. Bybee became the first station agent and continued in that job until 1912. Carl Gunn served as agent until 1917 and E.A. Gunn became agent, serving until the early 1920's when the railroad company abandoned the old depot and razed the building.

The passenger trains continued to whistle stop at Marvin, however, for several years and often brought the YMCA boys, who were left off the train at Marvin to hike the six miles to the YMCA camp. The city sign of Marvin was removed in about 1960.

At one time there was a big shipping stockyards at Marvin. It was stopped in 1925. Much livestock of farmers in the community was brought on foot to the stockyards at Marvin.

The Bybee store was sold in 1912 to Samuel Nichols and John Crutchfield. In 1914 Carl Gunn bought the Crutchfield partnership and in 1915 E.A. Gunn bought the Nichols share of the business.

From the beginning Marvin had a blacksmith shop. Blacksmiths were John Dusky, John Whittle, Tom Stark, Joe Daniels and Bill Riggs. At one time Birtle and Ernest Huff operated a barber shop at Marvin.

A mail route was started in 1908 and E.A. Gunn was the first mail carrier. He moved to Barnett in 1922 when the route was transferred there and served as carrier there until his retirement in 1952. Gunn built a large elevator at Marvin and for several years shipped great quantities of wheat to market.

In about 1917 when Judge Norfleet of Excelsior was judge of the eastern district, several citizens worked on obtaining a road from the T.P. Scott farm to Ensminger farm along the east side of the Rock Island railroad. The right-of-way was donated and the county court gave $100 for each $100 given by the district. When the road was finished the distance between Marvin and Versailles was shortened by about four miles.

There were never more than four homes located in the village of Marvin.

When Highway 52 was built in 1927-28 Isaac Daniels built a gas station and store east of the road. Mr. Gunn, also moved his business to the new highway.

Although the town of Marvin no longer exists, the social life of the community still centers around the old Marvin school building, which is now a community center and meetings are held there once a month.

Beulah Church and Big Rock church west of Marvin, were always the town's worship center.

# Laurie

Laurie, which shows only 150 population, grows to about three times that size during the tourist season in the Lake of the Ozarks area from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The town was established by the Laurie family in the 1940's, although Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hibdon owned a general store there in the 1930's. Hibdon also started a sawmill, which he sold to Les Moore in 1949. The sawmill cut native oaks and fir trees and the Moore Lumber Co. was established and has grown to the largest business in Laurie. Other businesses started opening in the 1960's and now the town has many places of business. The newest addition to the town was the Terrace Mall Shopping Center, at the edge of Laurie on Highway 5. There are many real estate places to take care of all the buying and selling of lake properties. There are now over 75 businesses along both sides of the highway.

Laurie is unincorporated and its boundaries are not legally defined. The town is located just north of the Camden-Morgan county line near the Hurricane Deck Bridge area that crosses the Osage arm of the Lake of the Ozarks.

Ozark Chapel Methodist Church, which was built and dedicated two years ago, is the center of religious and social activities. Laurie Lanes Bowling Alley is one of the newer businesses and, together with the restaurant and several other businesses in the complex, attracts many tourists and people of the community.

The Laurie Market was first started in the old Packard building owned by Emma Frazier, William Laurie traded a horse to Willoughby Kopps for the first year's lease on the building. First owners of the store were L.M. and Wm. (Buster) Laurie. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hibdon and Wm. Laurie inherited the store upon the death of L.M. Laurie, father of Mrs. Annie Laurie, who is now Mrs. Ed Hibdon.

The first lighting system at Laurie, as is recalled by the old-timers, was a Delco light system. There was only one phone in the area and everyone who wished to use a phone had to come into Laurie to use it.

The first cemetery was Ozark Cemetery, located directly behind the Ozark Chapel Methodist Church. The land for the cemetery was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Purvis in December, 1956. The first one to be buried in the cemetery was L.M. Laurie, father of Tom Laurie, who now operates a T.V. and Radio Shop at Laurie.

Les Moore bought the first saw mill, started in 1947, from William and Tom Laurie, and took over the operation in 1948. He also established Moore Lumber Co. in 1948.

# Leadville

Leadville on the Little Gravois Creek had a number of shafts indicated a large scale operation. The main shaft was a square hole right near the bank of the creek. Mr. Hayden James said a blast furnace operated here at Leadville for some time.

# Miningport

Miningport sprang up at the mouth of the Gravois, and by 1836 was the largest place in the county, but high water the next year (July 1837) destroyed it, and when it was again flooded in 1844 it was never rebuilt. The site was formed by Mr. Howard father of the late Joe Howard.

Miningport, Cape Galena and Gladstone had many of the same named pioneers, such as, Sidebottom, Howards, Colliers, Kayses, Stevenses, Purvises, Adams, Bonds, Woods, Allens, Cornetts, Hastys, Shelledays, Burkhart, Finleys, Longs, Moores, Youngs, Coffmans and others. Charlie Carroll was a river pilot. William Helmerick the miner, Steve Cornett the fisherman, Cain the ferryman.

# Pyrmont

Pyrmont, Mo. in Haw Creek township on the fringe of the Ozarks. It was originally inhabited by the Osage Indians, but was taken over by a group of Lutheran immigrants from Hannover, Germany.

By May 17, 1878 Pyrmont had a post office, a general store kept by Gehrs and Warnke. The Post Office was discontinued in 1911.

Still stands a lovely old Lutheran church and joining it the old Dutch cemetery with many stones of German language.

# Riffletown-Gladstone

Josiah Riffle moved with his family from Pennsylvania to Morgan County some times in the seventies. Riffle, was a unique character, full of pep and started things going soon after arrival. Opened a little store and converted his dwelling house into a tavern. He got things moving in the south end of the string-town village. He named the tavern the "Seven Stars Hotel". He put up a sign-board at the top of a ten foot pole, on which was painted on both sides, in plain black, seven stars and the word Hotel. Thereafter the village was known as Riffletown, and remained so until the Post Office was moved over from Cape Galena and then named Gladstone.

Here the old Sidebottom home was a stopping place for many travelers the little store kept its share of the trade. There was a General store blacksmith shop, but the Sidebottom building was one of the oldest and most historic landmarks in all the section. As late as Jan. 11, 1909 the Leader newspaper states "It was the oldest dwelling in Morgan County." The house was a half mile above the junction of Gravois Creek and Osage River. It was built about 1820 by a pioneer settler whose name was William Poor. There was no mill near, hence Poor was compelled to make lumber with a whipsaw, which he did and of the finest black walnut planed smooth to weatherboard and floor and to construct doors and window frames.

In 1865, Peter Sidebottom bought the place and lived there until 1909 when he died but his wife Emeline lived here for many years after.

When the Lake of the Ozarks filled up, Riffletown which became known as Gladstone no longer existed.

# Rocky Mount

Soon after the Civil War Rocky Mount was a country village with a general store, two blacksmith shops, a drugstore, and a post office in the general store, and several homes. The general store was owned by John H. Simmons and a man named Daniels. Some years later the post office was operated by Jim Simmons' daughter, Lona. Frank Stover and Lem Wisdom were blacksmiths there. Cordry had a drugstore which was later sold to Jim Jobe. At least one man, Dr. Elliott, practiced medicine in Rocky Mount. The nearest railroad passed through California, Mo., some 20 miles to the north.

Some time prior to 1870 some of the Christians in Rocky Mount community organized a church.

Mrs. Maggie Opal Bunch retired in 1968 from the postmaster position after 30 years' of service. During World War II a building built in 1901 was being rented by the U.S. Post Office. In the building was a general store and a small corner was set aside for the fourth-class post office window. (This window is now in the Morgan County Historical Society Museum). It was common in those days for customers to order groceries, ice, kerosene, tobacco, chicken feed and stamps ... "and will you please pick up our mail?" After the Lake filled up the post office advanced to third class. The store closed out and building remodeled, which was the only building. Today a few miles down the road a new general store with gas pumps have taken over old Rocky Mount, and the post office is now in one corner of the new store.

Lyle Dilly a Mail carrier on the Rocky Mount and Eldon Star Route bought the old Post Office building in Old Rocky Mount to maintain it as a landmark as long as possible.

# Cape Galena

Cape Galena was named by Dr. J.W. Calfee who was post master and in 1873 built a large store house which he rented. The Doctor gave the place its name as it was on a small Cape almost surrounded by high hills filled with galena, and just south of the village was one of the finest lookout mountains there was to be found along the Osage River.

In 1890 "The Hemphill Co.", lost nearly all their stock of general merchandise by fire, but he reopened. By 1896 there was a merchant by name of A.J. Rouse. Henry Daugherty was formerly a tie merchant engaged in rafting and running ties, at Cape Galena, later called Corcyra.

# Akinsville

Akinsville is in Mill Creek Township, two miles west of Fortuna, Mo., on route FF.

Shannon Akin, a Baptist minister came to Mo. from Ky. when he was in his early twenties and settled in the area east of present Akinsville cemetery. Shannon did general farming along with his ministry for some 40 years. He kept a store in his home on the little Rickland Creek. He sold the ground for Missouri Pacific right-a-way and in 1880 the Missouri Pacific branch from Boonville to Versailles was completed. At that time the store was moved from his home to a building near branch track. In 1889 the population was 30, and by 1901 there were 300 people living in the little village.

There were several general stores, a post office, a box-car depot, a blacksmith and wagon shop, broom factory, a hat shop. Along the railroad was a small clay plant where brown clay was dug and used for making tile and brick. Many pottery articles were also made at the plant. There was a church and Akinsville Institute. At first the children in community went to school at what was known as the McDaniel school about ¼ mile east of Akinsville. Later a new school was built closer to town and called Akinsville.

Among early merchants of Akinsville were men by name of DeVinna, Todd, Johnson, Moon, Akin.

Today only a few homes stand here to mark the town site. The Akin store building was used as a residence for some time and stands today near the Dud Akin home and is used for feed storage.

# Bebra

The land where Bebra stood was entered by James Gabriel July 8, 1836, cash entry. He owned it for five years, sold it to Samuel Weaver 1841; Weaver sold it to John Oldrowe 1843, in 1845 sold to Schwickwrath.

Bebra was several miles from other towns, and farmers went to Bebra to mill and trade. It is not known how Bebra obtained its name, but was first called Schwickwrath's Mill till the little village got so big, as to claim a name of its own.

From 1890 to 1898, Bebra was a prosperous little town, lots of goods was sold, and lots of country produce shipped from there.

Records show that as far back as 1851 Mr. Schwickwrath sold a portion of land, just north of the village to Simon Widowski, and granted to him the right to dig a mill race from Hazel Creek, across other parts of his land near where the old mill was built. By and by, a blacksmith shop was started near the mill. Then a demand for country store, and a few residences sprang up. At one time a Mr. Hildebrandt was proprietor of the only store there. Carl Hildebrandt and wife Katie (Singlelaub) had post office in their store, which was established 1883. At that time there was a boarding house, a park, and historic old mill.

Morgan County Poultry Club, about 1930.

# Morgan County, Missouri Post Offices

From the U.S. Post Office Record Dept.
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| Post Office | 1st Postmaster | Date of Appointment | Discontinued | Mail Transferred To |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Akinsville, Mo. | John T. Todd | Oct. 16, 1893 | Jan. 15, 1920 | Fortuna, Mo. (Moniteau Co.) |
| Alvin, Mo. | Wm. W. Holsopple | Apr. 5, 1899 | Sept. 1901 | Versailles, Mo. |
| Barnett, Mo. | Micheal Schubert | Jan. 5, 1901 | | |
| Barnettsville, Mo. | Archibold Campbell | May 7, 1871 | | Barnett, Mo. |
| Bebra, Mo. | Carl Milderbrand | Apr. 19, 1883 | | Pyrmont, Mo. |
| Bonds Mines, Mo. | Heghiah P. Bond | Feb. 16, 1872 | Unreadable | |
| Bylers Mills, Mo. (Boyler) | Anthony _____ | Unreadable | Jan. 19, 1879 | Stover, Mo. |
| Cape Galena, Mo. | John L. Older | Dec. 30, 1875 | Jan. 22, 1895 | Camden Co. Mo. |
| Carver, Mo. | James F. Ash | June 19, 1900 | Oct. 15, 1900 | ? |
| Cope Mo. | Winfreld S. Cope | Feb. 14, 1898 | July 30, 1900 | ? |
| Corcyra, Mo. | John C. Stevens | Apr. 12, 1900 | Sept. 14, 1907 | Gladstone, Mo. |
| Crittenden, Mo. | Mary B. Rogers | July 17, 1894 | Nov. 15, 1897 | Camden Co. Mo. |
| Dogwood Grove, Mo. | James L. Townley | Nov. 17, 1857 | Oct. 10, 1862 | Excelsior, Mo. |
| Enid, Mo. | John W. Campbell | July 27, 1897 | July 20, 1900 | Versailles, Mo. |
| Excelsior, Mo. | Lue Buel | Nov. 25, 1862 | Nov. 15, 1922 | Versailles, Mo. |
| Felix, Mo. | John Chenault | Jan. 25, 1835 | Jan. 6, 1860 | Moniteau Co. Mo. |
| Florence, Mo. | Wm. W. Ware | June 19, 1839 | | |
| Gehlken, Mo. | Henry Gehlken | July 29, 1893 | June 18, 1896 | Akinsville, Mo. |
| Gladstone, Mo. | Andrew J. Purvis | Oct. 14, 1893 | Feb. 28, 1931 | Rocky Mount, Mo. |
| Glensted, Mo. | Fred O. Milburn | Dec. 13, 1929 | July 31, 1955 | Versailles, Mo. |
| Gravi, Mo. | Elemelech Drake | Aug. 2, 1837 | Oct. 30, 1841 | Discontinued |
| Gravois Mills, Mo. | Joseph G. Humes | Aug. 27, 1861 | | |
| Ledema, Mo. | Wm. H.W. Argenbright | Nov. 1, 1894 | Aug. 31, 1905 | Stover, Mo. |
| Lone Grove, Mo. | Thomas R. Young | July 28, 1857 | Aug. 20, 1863 | Discontinued |
| Haw Creek, Mo. | Joseph Dunkley | Sept. 8, 1843 | Mar. 18, 1875 | Boeschenville (Boyler Mills) |
| Marvin, Mo. | Wm. H. Daniels | Sept. 1, 1904 | Oct. 31, 1938 | Versailles, Mo. |
| Millville, Mo. | Hugh Galbreath | Jan. 29, 1834 | May 9, 1835 | Versailles, Mo. |
| Minerva, Mo. | Shelton S. Abney | May 21, 1854 | ? | Stover, Mo. |
| Mining, Mo. | Wm. Davidson | July 8, 1844 | ? | Discontinued |
| Proctor, Mo. | John A. Willson | June 15, 1871 | Dec. 31, 1931 | Versailles, Mo. |
| Pyrmont, Mo. | George Warnke | June 20, 1891 | Sept. 30, 1911 | Stover, Mo. |
| Rex, Mo. | James M. Jones | Apr. 8, 1898 | Sept. 14, 1898 | |
| Rico, Mo. | Mike Driver | Aug. 6, 1894 | Mar. 3, 1897 | Excelsior, Mo. |
| River View, Mo. | John H. Hunter | Dec. 11, 1877 | June 6, 1906 | Zora, Mo. (Benton Co.) |
| Rocky Mount, Mo. | Columbus E. Cooper | Mar. 27, 1919 | | |
| Round Hill, Mo. | Hezekiah Hogue | Aug. 24, 1935 | Jan. 28, 1837 | Cooper County (N. of Tipton, Mo.) |
| Saint Martin, Mo. | Phillip Simon | Apr. 6, 1866 | June 20, 1898 | Fortuna, Mo. (Moniteau Co. Mo.) |
| Search, Mo. | Wm. T. Phillips | Aug. 25, 1892 | Nov. 26, 1895 | Todd, Mo. |
| Stone House, Mo. | Hiram Madole | July 13, 1858 | May 7, 1871 | Barnettsville, Mo. |
| (Old) Stover, Mo. | George Brunkhust | Nov. 4, 1831 | 1904 | (New) Stove |
| Stover, Mo. | H.K. Welpman | 1904 | | Stover |
| Syracuse, Mo. | John H. Stephens | Oct. 1, 1858 | | |
| Todd, Mo. | Joseph A. Wilson | Apr. 29, 1895 | Sept. 17, 1929 | Stover, Mo. |
| Tuckerville, Mo. | Wm. F. Dowell | May __, 1871 | Apr. 13, 1874 | Discontinue |
| Versailles, Mo. | Hugh Galbreath | May 9, 1935 | | |
| Waltham, Mo. | Frank L. Waltham | Mar. 16, 1907 | Feb. 28, 1931 | Rocky Mou Mo |
| Westland, Mo. | Wm. Saler | May 5, 1854 | Dec. 14, 1867 | Discontinue |
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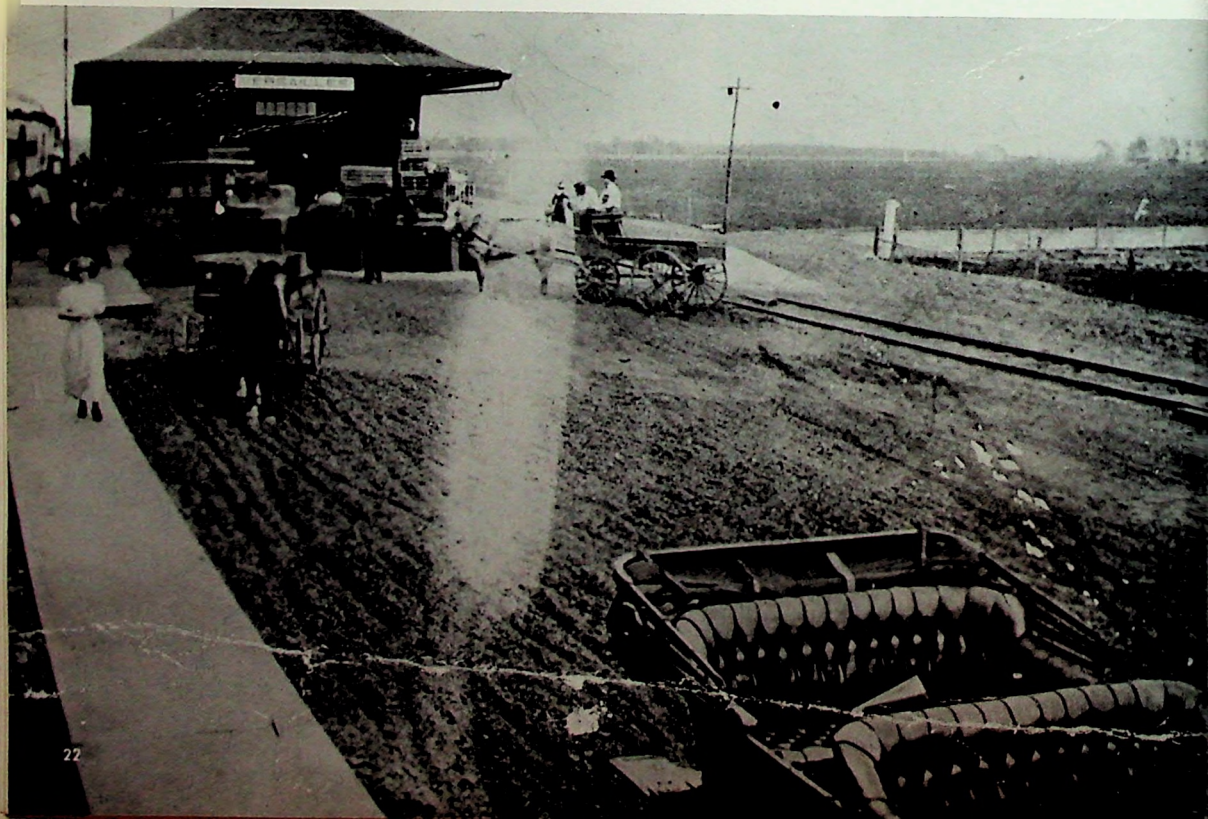
*Below:* Rock Island Depot 1906



# PUBLIC SERVICES

Morgan County Courthouse, Versailles, Missouri

# COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The courthouse of Morgan county, built in 1889, replaced a modest two — story brick courthouse on the same site, erected in 1844 that was destroyed by a major fire in Versailles in 1887.

The first county seat of Morgan County was located six miles southeast of Versailles near the present Y.M.C.A. camp. Court was held in a log barn on the Little Gravois Creek in the county seat town of Millville, so named because of a big saw mill and grist mill located there, owned by Josiah Walton.

After three years the county court purchased a log house at the northeast corner of the square in Versailles from Philip Barger to be used as a courthouse. The building stood on the present site of Shryack — Givens Wholesale Co.

Surrounding the 1844 courthouse were several small one — room cabins used by various offices of the courthouse. Enclosing the courthouse lawn with a corral fence with hitching posts.

The fire on March 13, 1887 that destroyed the courthouse followed a first major fire that occurred on Oct. 23, 1886. The two fires destroyed much of the south and east part of the business district of Versailles. Most of the courthouse records were, saved from the fire, that started in Banks Bros. Drygoods Store at the northwest corner of the square. All the records in the office of A.L. Ross, prosecuting attorney, were destroyed in his small office on the second floor of the building, since he did not have a fire — proof safe.

Judge Spurlock hired men and boys to clean the bricks from the old courthouse, which he bought, and used them in the construction of the City Hotel at the southeast corner of the courthouse square, now the Village Inn building.

In November, 1886, the citizens of the county voted on a proposition to appropriate $15,000 for the construction of a new courthouse. Due to a misunderstanding in the election, the matter of a new courthouse was delayed until 1889 when Judge Edwards, in the February term of court, declared the election vote valid. The county court had collected $4,000 insurance on the old courthouse, bringing total monies for a new courthouse to $19,000. Bricks used in the construction of the courthouse, which was completed early in 1890, were made by the inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City. Local contractors and bricklayers, including Mitch and Dave Duff, and a bricklayer named Petty from Tipton, built the structure.

The courthouse was designed with a tall steeple on the top, which held a light that could be seen at night form iles around. A stairs led to the steeple where people climbed to get a panoramic view of the prairie country to the north and the hill country to the south. The old corral fence was replaced by a fancy chain and post fence. A drilled well on the north courthouse grounds furnished water for people and animals and filled a stock trough nearby. A heavy tin cup hung by a chain to the well and from it men, women and children drank with no thought of sanitation.

The new courthouse building was lighted with kerosene and gasoline lamps and lanterns and there was a fireplace in each office room on the first floor for heat. Later the rooms were furnished with woodburning stoves and eventually the building was wired for electricity.

Original plans called for a small basement room to be used as a confinement place for prisoners, who were too tough to be kept in the log jail that stood at the corner of Jasper and Krekel streets, a block west of the square. One of the judges, however, declared that it was illegal to hold a prisoner underground so they were kept on the second floor of the courthouse, chained to iron rings in the floor.

For many years the offices and print shops of the Versailles Leader, a Democrat publication, and the Versailles — Statesman, a Republican paper, were located in the basement of the courthouse. The basement rooms on the south and east were also used for many years as the Women's Civic Club rooms and public rest rooms.

In recent years many improvements have been made to the courthouse, both inside and outside, including a new roof, sandblasting and poainting of the brick exterior, new front doors and extensive landscaping of the grounds.

County offices occupy the first floor and the second floor houses the circuit court room, sheriff's office and University of Missouri Extension offices.

# COUNTY LIBRARY

The library in Versailles, located at the southeast corner of the square, officially became a county library in 1942.

The first library in Versailles, known as the City Library, was started in 1920 by the members of the Progressive Club, composed of Miss Fay Long, Mrs. Frank Bremer, Mrs. Ed Nelson, Mrs. H.N. Lutman, Mrs. H.A. Young, Mrs. E.A. Crewson, Miss Edna Abell and Mrs. J.F. Thornton, and others. The library was located in the northeast room of the courthouse basement. Books, tables, chairs and other furnishings were donated by club members and friends of the library. After the club had been unsuccessful in obtaining money from the county for the library, they turned it over to the Women's Auxiliary, which was an auxiliary to the Versailles Chamber of Commerce. It later became known as the Women's Civic Club.

For many years the personnel of the library donated their time without payment of salary. The library was closed all during the week and kept open by volunteer sitters on Saturdays.

In 1930 the library was moved to the basement of the city hall, which was then five years old. In 1931 the library was kept open during certain hours daily, with Miss Gladys Hagan as librarian, who served until 1933.

It was in 1937, after the city council gave the Women's Civic Club permission to use the second floor of the city hall for club rooms, that the library was moved from the basement to a small room at the northwest corner of the second floor.

The books were catalogued for the first time by the NYA girls, under the direction of Mrs. George Petty, assisted by Mrs. B.L. Medicus. The library was then kept open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In April 1939, in a special election, a levy of one mill on the dollar was approved and the city council and Mrs. P.J. McDonough donated $100 for a set of world encyclopedia books for the library.

The library board borrowed $1,000 from Will T. Petty in Feb., 1941 and a building made of concrete blocks was constructed, with concrete floor and used brick front. The services of the library was made available to rural schools at a charge of $5.00 per calendar year.

This fee was used to purchase juvenile books for the library. There were some fifty rural schools in the county at that time.

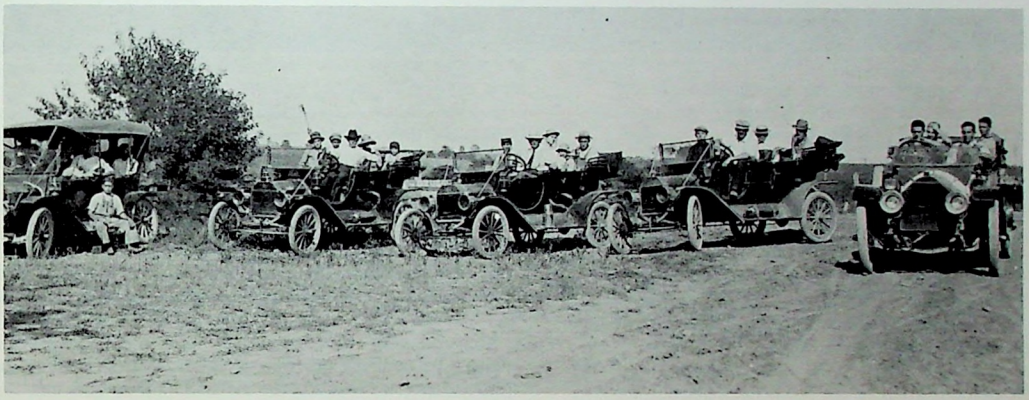
A measure to provide a one mill tax levy for the support of the library carried in Nov. 1946 and the county appointed a new library board.

The present Library building was completed in 1942 and became officially known as the Morgan County Library on July 1, 1947. The first library board, appointed by the county court was composed of Kenneth Krichner, Stover Ray Burns, Syracuse, Florence Routon, Barnett, Moss McDonald, Versailles. Mrs. Thelma McLain was the first librarian in the county library. Upon her resignation in 1950, Mrs. B.L. Medicus became librarian and served until her death in 1960.

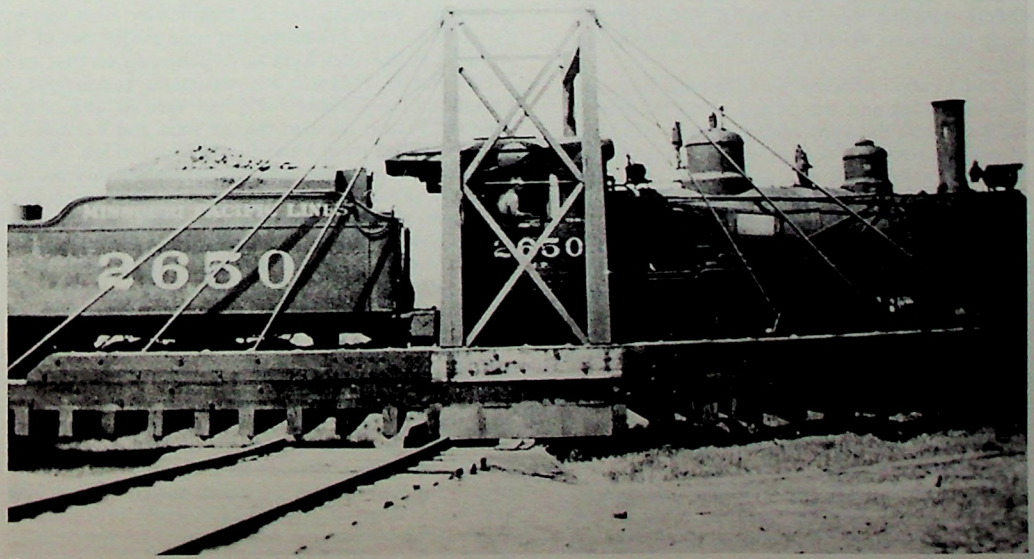
The first bookmobile was purchased in 1947 and was dedicated in the fall at the Morgan County Fair. Bookmobile drivers have been Arthur Satler, C.L. Dunnaway and Glen Housworth. Housworth has held the position for 26 years.

Today the library has some 23,000 volumes on its shelves, records for loan and many periodicals. Salaries for the personnel are paid by the county and state.

# TRANSPORTATION



Early cars

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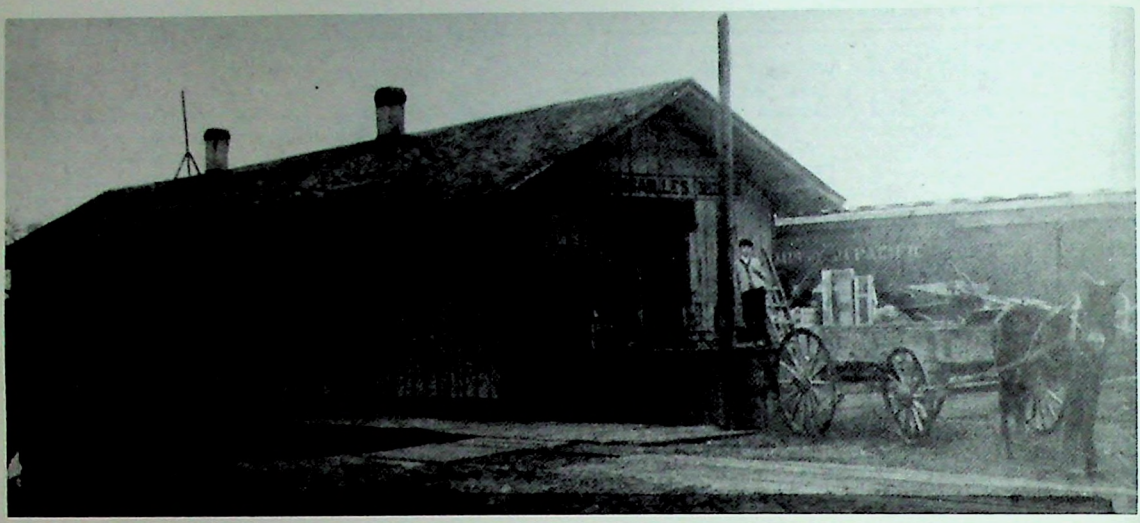


Missouri Pacific Depot — Versailles

# RAILROADS

In the days preceding the Civil War, a railroad between Boonville and Versailles was chartered and a survey was made. The roadbed was graded and ties were hauled but the Civil War stopped the building of the railroad until 1872 when work was resumed. However, heavy rains and floods washed away much of the building materials and it wasn't until 1879 that construction work was begun again.

This railroad, completed in 1880, was known as the Boonville and Versailles branch of the Missouri Pacific from Tipton to Versailles.

When railroading was new in this part of the country, a road was chartered under the name of Osage Valley and Southern Kansas Railroad, commencing at Boonville and running through southwest Missouri into Kansas, being the route intended.

The survey and location between Versailles and Boonville was made. It was graded and ties hauled along the line in 1861. The war stopped all the work, and it was left until 1872, when work was again started. The high waters washed everything away and no more work was done until 1879. The county had already donated $100,000 to develop the project and for years it seemed that much money was thrown away.

The project was again revived as the Boonville, St. Louis and Southern Railway commencing at Boonville and coming to Versailles. It was simply a branch road of the Missouri Pacific from Tipton to Versailles. Since Versailles was the end of the line, there was a turntable there to turn the engine and coal tender around. The turntable was operated by manpower and the services of anyone around — train crew, agent, section men or just visitors were enlisted to help push the turntable around after the engine and coal tender were properly balanced on it. It was quite a job especially when all was covered with ice or snow.

The road was completed on June 2, 1880 and a huge celebration and banquet were held for the great crowd to see the arrival of the first regular train. The building of this railroad acted as a great stimulus to this community assisting in making Versailles one of the most outstanding towns in this section of the country. Industries such as a large clay plant, various factories and cattle producers came and played an important part in upbuilding the region around Versailles and Morgan Co.

July 17, 1935 permission to abandon the 43 miles of trackage between Boonville and Versailles, was asked of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington by the Boonville, St. Louis and Southern Railroad. Continued decrease in tonnage had made operation of the Boonville-Versailles run no longer profitable. March 7, 1936 the Interstate Commerce Commission authorized the Boonville, St. Louis and Southern Railway to abandon the 43 mile line from Boonville to Versailles, Mo.

The last train operated April 30, 1936. When the first train pulled into Versailles June 2, 1880 Porter Akin was a passenger on that train. When the last train pulled out of Versailles April 30, 1936 Porter Akin was a passenger on that train.

Clarence E. Herfurth was passenger and freight agent at Versailles from October 3, 1923 to April 30, 1936, the date the Missouri Pacific operated the last train into Versailles. He and his wife moved from Versailles to Wooldridge, Mo. where he continued his work for the Missouri Pacific. In later years they lived in Florida for five years, then spent 10 years in Arizona where Mr. Herfurth died April 2, 1968. Mrs. Herfurth now lives in Eldon, Mo. Their son, Charles, lives in the southwest.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. served the Morgan County area continuously for fifty-six years from 1880 to 1936 and was a great asset to the community and played an important part in its growth.

When the branch was first built there were several thriving towns along the line including Glensted, Akinsville, Fortuna, Bartles Station and Bunceton. In the antebellum days a railroad was chartered under the name of the Osage Valley & Southern Kansas Railroad, starting at Boonville and running through southwest Missouri into Kansas. The day of the arrival of the first train in Versailles was celebrated with a banquet and a large crowd of people, many of whom had never seen a steam locomotive, were on hand for the occasion. A total of 11.56 miles of the line in Morgan County had an as-

sessed valuation of $276,122.16 when it was discontinued in April 1936. This meant a tax loss to the county of approximately $3,782.87.

Morgan Countians donated $135,000 toward this project, according to old records.

The Rock Island railroad was completed from St. Louis to Kansas City in 1904, just in time for passenger service to the World's Fair in St. Louis that year. The first passenger train over the Rock Island to Versailles arrived Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, a special train from Eldon, which carried a number of excursionists. It was followed by the regular train from St. Louis, which arrived at about 5 p.m. It was a cold winter day but Versailles people were at the scene to greet the first trains over the railroad.

A box car "neatly and comfortably fitted up" for a temporary office for the agent and telegraph operator, served until a new depot was built. H.G. Chalfant was the first agent.

The December 4, 1903 issue of the Versailles Leader stated, "The work on the tracks west of Versailles is being pushed all possible but it will be all of three months before trains will run beyond Versailles. In the meantime two passenger trains will remain overnight in Versailles."

Before the railroad was extended west of Versailles the trains were backed from Versailles to Eldon, where they were turned around on a Y track for the trip to St. Louis. Mail service from St. Louis to Versailles began Feb. 1, 1904. For several years there were six passenger trains through Versailles in twenty-four hours. There were two day trains operating between St. Louis and Kansas City, two night trains on the same run and two day trains between St. Louis and Denver. The latter two trains were considered the very latest thing in luxury travel.

During the construction of the railroad tracks between Versailles and Cole Camp, Fred Tambke, 21-year-old Stover man, was fatally injured in April 1904 while operating a dinky engine to haul train loads of gravel and dirt for a fill twelve miles west of Versailles, in the vicinity of Haw Creek bridge. In crossing an improvised track, the timber gave way and the engine with the crew catapulted down a twelve-foot embankment and Tambke was fatally injured by steam from the engine.

Railroad workers poured into the county by the hundreds, new businesses opened up and real estate dealers took advantage of the boom to buy up a lot of land to be sold later at twice and three times the purchase price. The coming of the railroad added one-fourth increase in population to Versailles and many new enterprises were opened in the area as the result of the availability of transportation by rail.

The old depot in Versailles now is decaying and stands idle with rusty switch tracks, wooden crates and debris scattered over the yards. The old loading dock is sagging and the concrete sidewalk that extended from North Van Buren street to the depot over which many passengers walked to and fro carrying suit cases, valises and telescope bags, has grown over with weeds and brush. Some of the windows of the depot are broken, others are boarded up and the Versailles sign on either end of the building is almost obscured. This building was constructed in 1957 after the original depot erected in 1904 was razed. The express room of the old depot was included in the smaller building in 1957. The condition of the Rock Island depot in Versailles is representative of all depots in the county, where travel by rail has disappeared.

The Missouri Pacific rail service was discontinued and the old depot torn down in 1936.

Passenger service on the Rock Island was discontinued in Versailles in July, 1960.

# FERRIES

Capps Ferry was near Proctor, there was a cable across the river. Farmers used to ferry cattle across this ferry to market at Warsaw, Mo. This ferry ceased to operate after the Lake was filled.

G.W. Scoggins put in a new ferry at Crittenden, Mo. in 1893. Crittenden Ferry was at the end of the County road now Highway "T". This ferry had a cable across the river. Dessie McCallum once said she crossed this ferry several times, but couldn't remember the toll cost. The ferry crossed the Lake up to 1938, then ceased to operate.

Clearing snow from courthouse square

# BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

# MANY COUNTY FARMS WERE HOMESTEADED

There are many farms in Morgan County, remaining in the same family that homesteaded them one hundred or more years ago, on which descendants of the first families settled and raised their children. In most cases, the original home buildings no longer stand but have been replaced. A homestead was a tract of 160 acres granted by the U.S. government to a settler to be developed as a farm, by the Homestead Act of 1862.

Among the oldest farms in the county is that of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Smith, of Otterville, whose land was conveyed by a school land deed in 1874. The 40 acres located in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Sec. 16, Township 45, Range 19, was bought for $3.47½ an acre or a total cost of $139.00. William Butler bought the land from the government, homesteading July 5, 1853. His grandfather, George W. Smith bought it on May 5, 1856. It has been in the same family for 120 years. Smith bought it from his mother, Mrs. J.W. Smith in 1940. The land located four miles southwest of Otterville is now farmed by Jack D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Doran Gerhart reside on a farm near Glensted that was acquired by Isaac Gerhart and his wife, Sarah. Gerhart's great-great grandfather by patent issued in Jan., 1840 by Martin Van Buren, president of the United States. At that time the land was in three pieces, totaling 160 acres, more or less. The consideration for land transactions such as this was a token payment of from 25 cents to $1.00. Doran Gerhart and his wife, Nettie Vera Gerhart, acquired the land in Nov., 1941 from his brother, C.A. Gerhart, and others. The Doran Gerharts sold the land to his son, John William Gerhart, of San Diego, Calif., who is the present owner. The house in which the Doran Gerharts live, sets only fifty or sixty feet from the location of the original two-story frame house in which James S. Gerhart lived for 79 years.

Lewis Holsopple and his family reside on a farm, known as "the Wenger farm" that was owned by his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Wenger, from 1869 until 1892.

Other homesteaded farms in the county, remaining in the same family, include those of Mrs. Cetta Williams of Gravois Mills; Melvin H. and Margaret J. Ehlers, Mora; Lester N. Dittmer; Smithton; Wm. H. and Darlene L. Hall, Mora; Elvan A. and Ruth K. Wahlers, Stover; Aubrey J. Sims, Versailles; Paul and Barbara Seigel, Florence; Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Baumgartner, Versailles; John Cline Estate, Versailles; Henry Fischer, Stover; Salmon and Lois Moore, Versailles; Emil Fisher, Stover and Leonard and Nina Koenke, Syracuse.

Boyler's Mill

The Sims farm, located in the Glensted community, one-half mile beyond the Repelmar farm, was acquired by James Sims from the United States government on April 19, 1836 by Certificate of Entry No. 11022. The patent, issued January 10, 1840, was signed by Martin Van Buren, president of the United States. The farm located in Section 18, Township 43, Range 17, consisted of 160 acres at that time.

Other owners of the land, down to the present owner, Lee T. Sims of Versailles, have been William Sims, oldest son of James Sims, who acquired ownership June 26, 1867; Malinda and Rachel Sims and Frances Sims DeVinna, March 1, 1905; Susan A. Young and her son, D.O. Young, who acquired the land May 20, 1940, upon the death of Rachel Sims; D.O. Young, November 14, 1947.

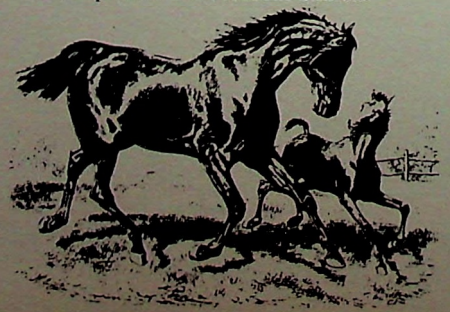
Lee T. Sims, great grandson of the original owner, and his wife, Elsie K. Sims, bought the Sims farm from D.O. and Grace Young, his wife, on March 4, 1950. The farm now consists of 65 acres.

James Sims built the log house, which is still standing, in 1836, the log raising for which was completed on Friday, before the general election in 1836. The bricks used in the fireplaces in either end of the house were handmade and burned on the property.

The old house was enlarged as the size of the family increased and, at one time, housed twenty-eight people. The Sims family, being southerners, owned several Negro slaves who were housed on the grounds of the farm.

Before Freedom Baptist Church was built in the 1840's, church services were held at the Sims home and James Sims became a Baptist preacher. At the time twenty-eight people lived in the Sims house, five horse-drawn wagons were required to transport them to Freedom Church.

Zwanzig's Mill in 1895



# EARLY MILLS OF COUNTY

One of the earliest mills in Morgan County was that of Josiah S. Walton, pioneer of the county who had saw mills both at Millville, first county seat of Morgan County, and at Gravois Mills. His saw mill at Millville, located six miles southeast of Versailles near the YMCA camp, sold products to the Osage Indians as well as the other people of the community.

Walton built a grist mill about half a mile west of Gravois Mills, a short distance below the site where the Humes Brothers in about 1870 built and operated a woolen mill. Men named Williams and Weaver operated the Humes Mill, which was situated south of Gravois Mills approximately where Trout Hatchery is now located, after the Humes brothers failed in business. The Humes Mill manufactured and sold woolen materials and "Uncle Joe Humes", the salesman of the family, carried their products in a spring wagon to merchants of central Missouri, making his round every few weeks.

In later years Asa Webster, who was administrator of the estate of his parents, brought suit to foreclose a mortgage held by his father on the woolen mills property. The proceedings came before Circuit Judge Edwards in 1886, county court being held in the Martin Hotel building in Versailles, after the destruction by fire of the 1844 courthouse. W.H. Kavanaugh was sheriff at the time and the property was sold to Webster on his bid of $1,000. Webster added a small saw mill to the property and put his son, Dan, and Anderson Collins to work.

Collins Lake, which stood for many years at the location of the old Humes Mill, was fed by springs and for many years was a resort place where groups held picnic dinners and went for rides in canoes on the picturesque lake, bordered on one side by lofty hills.

Zwanzig Mill was built by members of the Reed family, who platted a town on the flat bottom land of Gravois Creek called "Reedville". The Reeds wished to make this the county seat of Morgan County and, according to the records of D.W. Eaton, the proposed town came on the plat books of Morgan County but "remained a good cornfield" since Eaton said the meeting together of prairie land and timber at the site of Versailles prevailed over all competition.

August Zwanzig operated the mill continuously from the 1860's until his death, employing a large overhead wheel to grind wheat and corn for his customers. The only thing left of the Zwanzig Mill is the foundation. Zwanzig was said to own a "commodious dwelling house" on a high hill, overlooking the mill. He built a hundred steps or more to climb back and forth from the mill to the house.

When the government established a post office in the old mill, it was called the Gravois Mills Post Office. Customers of the grist mill got their mail when they came to have their grain ground.

The Zwanzigs sold the mill and the home to the Washburn family, who later sold it to the Veulemans family. The old Veulemans Mill was a landmark on the big Gravois Creek for many years until the formation of the Lake of the Ozarks covered the ground in 1931.

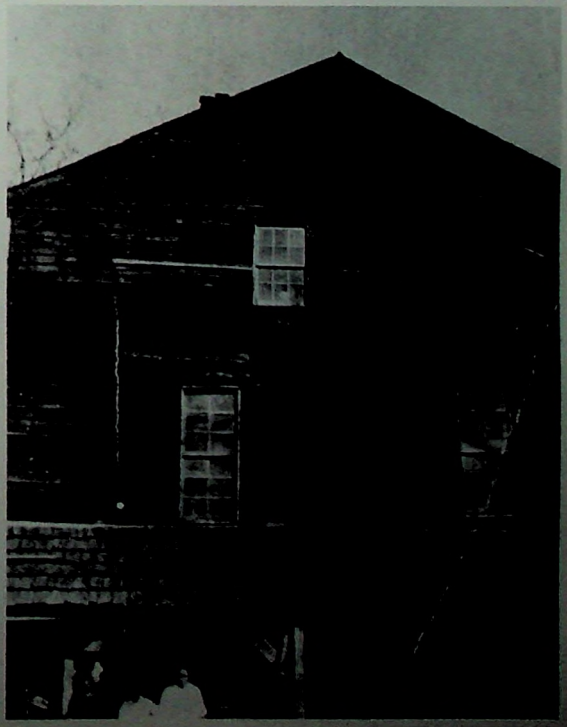
L.E. Williamson, a Versailles "capitalist" owned a saw mill on the Gravois Creek one mile below the Zwanzig Mill, where he sawed lumber for the building of homes in Williamson Addition to the town of Versailles. The large Williamson home stood at the east end of Williamson Street, the present site of the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Walton and the former location of the Versailles Male and Female Institute.

Early in the 18th century a Frenchman settled in the Big Buffalo Creek valley south of Stover and built an undershot water wheel and a log cabin. His property was sold to Joseph Byler who had settled in Cooper County in 1817 and was a judge there for two years. At his new location Byler first operated a gun powder mill for several years and later built a mill with an undershot wheel for grinding grain. The mill was known as Byler's Mills

The mill which still stands, was built by the Frisches in 1880 on the site of the three previous mills. It is two and a half stories high with dimensions of 26 x 36 feet.

It is believed that the present mill building was constructed in 1865. At one time there were three stores on the south side of the creek, offering dry goods, groceries, and general merchandise. Inside the mill was a whiskey still and whiskey was sold by the gallon at 80¢ to $1.00. This was not unlawful since there was no revenue collected.

Gehlken Mill



"Red" Mill, old Hume Mill, bought by D. & Wm. Veulemans. Preceeded the 1915 Veulemans Mill.

The Gehlken mill was on Richland Creek, in Mill Creek Township, where water was available for the steam engine. Wood was plentiful in the forest, where it was cut in four-foot lengths. Joe Cannon owned the mill, near Bebra, Mo., about 1870. Henry Gehlken, Sr., then purchased the mill and operated it with his two sons.

In order to make the best use of time and fuel, the mill ran day and night. Grain often was used to pay for the Miller's services. A Post Office was in the mill, and Rebecca, the miller's daughter, carried mail by horseback from Akinsville to the mill, where community farmers called for it when they came to have their grain ground.

Four horses and a wagon hauled flour from the mill to Osage, Climax Springs and other communities. It took two or three days to haul over dirt roads to fill orders at stores and homes along the route.

For a time, a sawmill also operated here, but was discontinued in 1880. In 1895, the mill was dismantled and moved to Glensted. Joe Milburn became a partner in the milling operation after the move to Glensted, and the mill often was referred to as the "Joe Milburn Mill."

The first steam flour mill in Versailles was called the "Empire Steam Mill" and was located where the Frigid Foods locker plant is today. The mill was started in 1875, and later was known as the "Versailles Steam Flour Mill". In 1886 Henry Moser bought half interest in the mill; in 1892 he became sole owner. The Moser Mill supplied "Moser's Best (Fancy Patent)" and "Home Product" brands of flour to stores in Versailles and the Osage River territory. The mill ran day and night during World War I, when the government contracted for all flour and meal in excess of local demand. The Moser Mill continued in business until 1931, when the three-story building was destroyed by fire.

A small waterpowered gristmill was built by Milas J. Ritchie in the early 1840's on Rocky Ford Creek, about a quarter-mile west of where Ritchie Baptist Church now stands. Ritchie operated the mill until shortly before his death in 1868. The mill burned not long afterward.

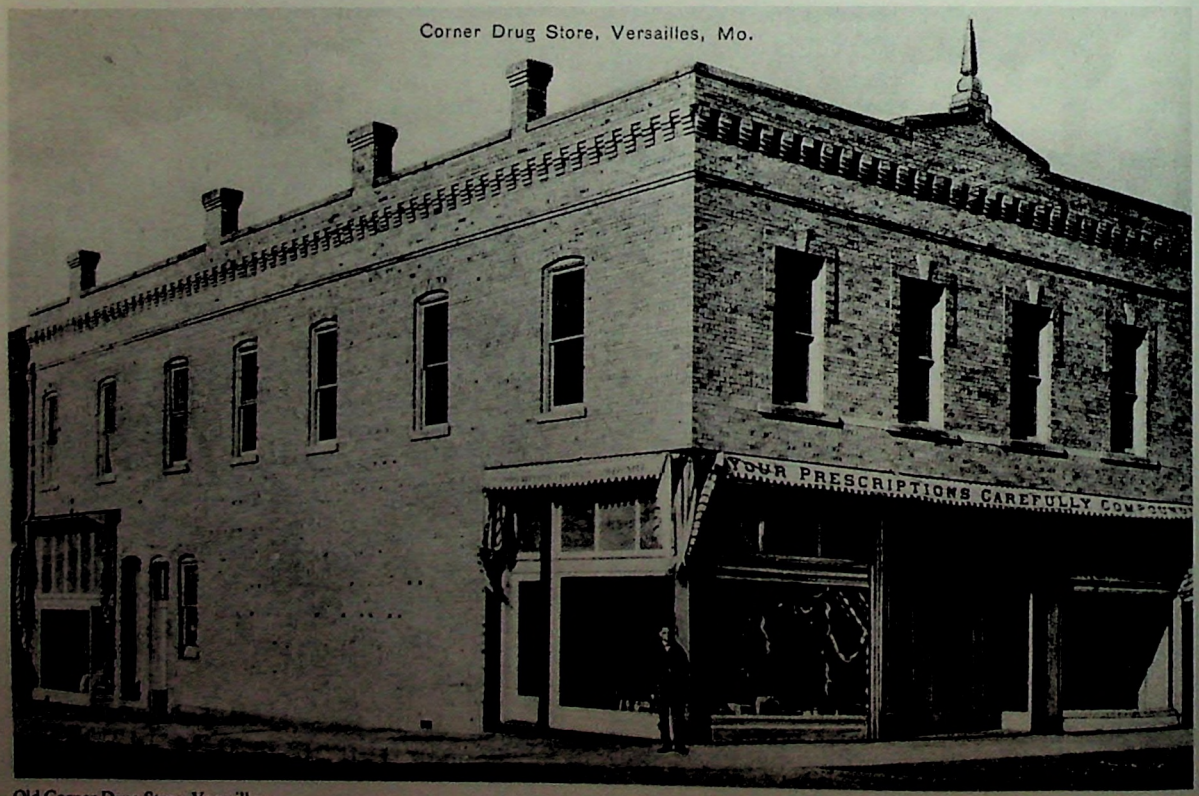
Samuel V. Spears built a flour mill at the head of Gravois Creek south of Stover. This was a water powered mill and received its power from the large "Spears Spring." In early days, there was a store and two-story frame home adjacent to the grist and carding mill.

One of Samuel Spears' daughters married Frederich Zwanzig, another Morgan County miller. At one time, relatives operated the Boylers, Zwanzig and Spears mills — a line of pioneer millers.

In 1858, Norman Reed built a waterpowered mill on Gravois Creek, and surveyed all the land between the foot of the hill and the creek that fed the mill. He laid off town lots and filed the plat as "Reedsburg," hoping the town would become the county seat of Morgan County. But the votes went to Millville, and later to Versailles, and the town of Reedsville never grew up around the mill.

Later, Reed sold the mill to Littleberry Williamson, who improved both the milling of grain and the sawing of lumber. In August 1848, August Zwanzig came from Germany and bought the mill. Zwanzig was married three times and had 19 children. To house this family, he built two large homes atop the steep hill overlooking the mill and creek bottom.

A stairway of 112 steps lead up the bluff from the old mill road to the Zwanzig homes. August Zwanzig died in 1895 and his wife and sons ran the mill and Post Office.




Old Corner Drug Store, Versailles.

# COUNTRY STORES

Kellis Coffman, a blacksmith at Proctor, Mo., opened a general store near there when the Lake of the Ozarks flooded the site of Proctor. A few years later, Coffman built Coffman Camp resort and operated the store there. The concrete floor of the store building was constructed around a live spring, which flowed the length of the building. Coffman operated this store until shortly before his death in 1952.

Six miles east of Versailles, at the cross road of W and E routes, across the road from Bill Hunter, on the northeast corner once stood Enid General Store and Post Office. The Post Office discontinued operation Dec. 14, 1907. The general store operated by C.M. Campbell burned Jan. 2, 1913, and was never rebuilt.

Daniel Bowers and his wife, Sarah Jane, first ran a store in Old Stover, called the "First and Last Chance Store." It was located where Calvin Viebrock now lives. Later, Bowers sold out and moved to the Ritchie neighborhood, close to Ritchie School. About 1915, he put up a general store there. He bought eggs and chickens and kept all kinds of groceries and some dry goods. He operated the store until his eyesight failed about 1930.

A store was operated on the farm of Glen Franklin, on Little Buffalo Creek, in Buffalo Township. The store stood in the yard, near the farmhouse.

The Mike Driver General Store and Post Office (at one time called Rico, Mo.) was located east of Versailles. "Uncle John" Driver owned a farm on the corner of a good road; when his son, Mike married Melissa Newkirk in 1892, they built the store. Driver was the only postmaster, as the store burned and was never rebuilt.

James R. Lewis owned the village of St. Martin in 1871, the year his son, Charley Lewis, was born. There were many owners before this time, names unrecorded. The village consisted of a general store with Post Office, a blacksmith shop and the Lewis home nearby.

Roy Meyer's General Store is on the corner of the old Zwanzig Road, where Brushy Creek runs into Gravois Creek. The store was built by Charley Marriot, then bought by Conway and Belva Jones, who lived in the two back rooms. Roy Meyer then bought the store, making four rooms out of the rear part of the building. The store burned, and Charley Marriott took the property back, as money was loaned against it, and built another store building. This building has only one large room and still stands. Paul and Monzell Marriott were the last operators of the store. For a time, a blacksmith shop was located across the road from the store, run by a man named Hedrick, and later by Jack Cooper.

Arva Smith operated a store at Minnow Branch Crossing for several years, up to 1941. The 14-by-28-foot building faced southeast. Soft drinks and watermelons for sale were cooled in a nearby spring. The Smith's also operated a cane (sorghum) mill on the southbank of Minnow Branch. A sawmill at the crossing was operated by Claude Braden and Louis Abbott until about 1941.

First National Bank, Versailles; *from right:* Dick Gabriel, Eulah Roark, Bea Sherril and John Earp, about 1923.

# HUMMEL POTTERY PLANT

Mr. and Mrs. John Hummel owners of the "Hummel Pottery Plant" at Florence, Mo. Plant was in operation in 1876. The right part of building was the kiln where smoke is coming from the chimneys. Mr. Fred Schick fired the furnaces. He is seen on top of the building. Mrs. Schick (his wife), Hummel boy and grandfather and Gusta Siegel, others in picture, Leonard and Helen Bremer. — Florence, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hummel

Pottery made at Hummel Pottery Plant in Florence, displayed in the museum.

Florence Pottery Shop 1876

# W.S. DICKEY CLAY PLANT

The Versailles Clay Plant was established in Versailles in Jan., 1904. N.B. Harmon, manager of a plant in St. Louis, came to help get the clay plant started. The company dug a large pond on the grounds at the western edge of Versailles to supply water and the Rock Island Railroad Co. graded the ground for a switch from the railroad to the plant.

Clay ponds were dug where drilling indicated there were good prospects for the production of clay. Workmen used teams with plows, picks and shovels and a 2-wheel Fresno scraper with adjustable blade. Drilling for dynamite, often used in the clay mines, was done by hand and raw clay was hauled from the clay pits to the plant by dump wagons pulled by horses and mules. Later Model T. Ford dump trucks were used.

The company used 12 to 14 horses and mules, wagons and other equipment in its operation.

W.S. Dickey acquired the clay plant in 1909 and got a contract for much of the bricks used in the construction of the Panama Canal. Men with wheelbarrows moved the raw clay from a high stock pile to the dry pan that ground the clay into fine powder. The foreign gravel in the dry pan was removed by men with shovels and the gravel was used for paving streets, roads and driveways. South Maple street in Versailles was paved with this gravel.

The fire brick, the principal product of the clay plant, were molded 2½x4½x8½ inches. They went through the process of pressing and baking in coal-fired brick kilns that were heated to 4,262 degrees fahrenheit.

Employees at the brick plant worked from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with one hour for lunch, six days a week. Base pay ranged from 15¢ per hour in the early days to 30¢ later. A nightwatchman and three kiln firemen worked from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Overtime pay was unheard of. The plant employed from 50 to 100 men during its prosperous years.

Business started to decline in the 1920's due to the owner's reluctance to spend money for new equipment with which to operate his plant. His product became inferior, it was necessary to "lay off" employees until, finally, on June 10, 1927 the old clay plant whistle was sounded for the last time and the clay plant was never revived.

The clay plant whistle was not only used to sound the hours for starting and stopping work, but was also used as a fire alarm when there was a fire in town.

F.A. White, who was superintendent of the clay plant for many years, died in 1941 and Mrs. White died in 1939. Their son, Donald, died about 1970 in Winetka, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

Bill Adams, who came to Versailles from Humansville, was general foreman of the plant for many years. "Red" Garrison was yard foreman, John Tolliver, dry pan foreman, Levi Rains, stone mason, Ed Hulett and Clyde Henderson, bookkeepers.

Ozark Pin Factory

Dickey Brick Mfg. Co.

# MISSOURI MULE

The mule has long been the symbol for the State of Missouri. In spite of the stubbornness, for which the mules are noted, they are fine work animals. The first mule in America was a present from Spain to President George Washington, one of the mammoth breed. Indeed, President Washington was said to be the first to drive a pair of mules hitched to a carriage.

Mules were used by both the north and the south in the Civil War and were used extensively in World War I.

Before the first World War, Smithton, Mo. won fame as the home of Colonel Louis M. Monsees, one time leading Jack breeder of America. One Jack "Bell Boy", brought $3,700 at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904.

Colonel Monsees' Jack stock received the Mayor Awards with cash premiums taking $10,000. It was at this World's Fair that the term "MISSOURI MULE" originated. By 1915, a Missouri State Fair without mules would have been a travesty of the fame of Missouri, as the home of the best mules the world knew of. Morgan County was among the counties with lots of good mules.

In those days the only means of transportation of the mules would be by leading or driving. Rope halters were placed on the mules, tieing their heads together and a lead rope on the left hand mule to wrap the rope around the saddle horn. It took a good riding horse to lead 4 or 5 mules, they would pull back and get tired, and as you know mules are stubborn.

Slave-built log barn on Jack Williams farm, south of Versailles.

Frank R. Hunter's Mules 1906

Mules were taken to a blacksmith shop to have the back shoes removed, as they were turned loose in the mule barn or if shipped by rail.

In 1917 Kauffman and Wenger had a large mule sale. In 1919, according to old records, Homer Chism and Chester Burns held a public sale of mules at which they sold 75 head. Some of the mules' buyers in this area were Clint Thomas of Syracuse, Jim Hughes, Elmer Sparks, Jess Marriott and Alex Jacob of Versailles, Emmett and Rue Miller of near Barnett, Charley Parks of High Point, Sam Charles, Johnnie Hutchison and John Henry of Fortuna, Oscar Hays of Tipton, David and Bud Hutchison of near Latham. All were buying and selling to bigger mule buyers like Sam Evans of Marshall, or shipping them to the St. Louis National Stock Yards. During World War I, Mr. Evans, bought and collected, in 18 states, at the rate of 100 mules a day for months selling to the army and getting $110.00 a head. He got $10.00 a head for his part.

The hospitality of those days is a thing of the past now. If a mule buyer stopped to look at a mule near the noon hour, he was asked in for dinner, at night he was sure to be the seller's overnight guest.

The qualifications the mule buyers looked for in a mule were: soundness, size (15½ hands was the best size), and as to color, an iron gray every time and sorrel was the second choice.

The Missouri Mule is fast disappearing from the American scene. In 1915 the census showed that Missouri farmers owned 420,000 mules. Today the census does not record the mule population, as the tractor took their place.

So many mules being shipped to other states and to foreign countries during World War I, no wonder the tourist ask, "WHERE IS THE MISSOURI MULE?"

Aubrey Sim's Barn

# CHURCHES AND CEMETERIES

Evl. Lutheran Church — 1916, Stover, MO

# First Church in Morgan County

The first church ever built in Morgan County was a few miles north of Versailles near the Boonville and Versailles public road and the home of Josiah McPherson. It was a 12 by 12 foot room built of unhewn logs, and the cracks closed with sticks and mud. The room was heated by a fireplace. The hearth was made of a big rock and the chimney was made of small logs plastered with mud. A floor was made of slabs laid over the ground with big cracks between them. The benches were the same kind of slabs with stick legs. The Congregation was usually from fifteen to twenty-five. The preacher was furnished with a good seat — a split bottom chair, and sat on the east side of the room by a window. The window was one log cut out to let in light to read the text and give out the song. The roof was covered with hand made boards and held fast by long poles laid across each row. The door was rough slab set up-right and the hinges were small hickory limbs run through two holes and tied.

When the church service was over, the fire put out, and the door shut, a wooden pin stuck in a hole was the lock. There were no tramps in those days, and all was safe until the next meeting day which was every two weeks. Some people walked six or seven miles; others rode in ox wagons, and attended services very regular.

Beulah Church, since 1890 near Marvin, MO.

Hopewell Union Church — 1876, East Morgan

Ritchie Church, Southwest Morgan

Oak Grove — south of Versailles

Mt. Nebo Full Gospel Church, N.W. of Versailles

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church — North Morgan

St. Johns United Church of Christ Florence, Mo. 1858

West Union Baptist Church Rev. Joseph Allen Broyles

# Cemeteries in County

The Versailles Cemetery, located at the south end of South Monroe street was laid out between 1835 and 1840 and took in only the area west of the main driveway in the original cemetery. For many years a woven wire fence surrounded the old burying grounds and a wrought iron gate across the north entrance kept out livestock that were allowed to roam over the town.

The first addition to the original cemetery was opened to the east of the main drive and Mrs. Mary Gibbs was the first to be buried there in 1901. Since its earliest days, the Versailles Cemetery has had many additions, the latest of which were the Oak Park Addition, in which the flag pole at the south end of Burke Street stands, established in 1939, and the Westlawn Addition that lies along the south side of Clay Road, laid out about five years ago.

In the old days people purchased burying plots only after a death in the family had occurred. In recent years however, many people have purchased grave sites and had monuments erected in advance of the need for them.

In the beginning the graves were mounds with head and foot stones. Families kept their own lots clean of weeds and grass and the rest of the cemetery grew up with weeds before the cemetery had perpetual care, made possible by the Versailles Cemetery Association, which is financed through donations from those who have families buried in the cemetery.

The oldest graves in the original cemetery, marked by tall, thin slabs of marble are those of Washington Lafayette McClanahan, who died Jan. 13, 1840; Narcissa R. Salmon, who died May 15, 1845; John McClanahan, who died July 13, 1849 and Edwin H. Pennebaker, who died in 1854. Most of the inscriptions on the old stones are no longer legible.

The Versailles Cemetery tells a history of the first settlers in Versailles, whose names are written on records in the courthouse and old newspapers.

A census of cemeteries in Morgan County, made during the past several years by Mrs. Preston Hutchison and Mrs. Gerald Yarnell, members of the Morgan County Historical Society, covers 115 cemeteries and several family burying plots. There are also two Negro slave cemeteries located at the old Woods farm and former Hunter farm, two miles east of Versailles where the slaves belonging to these families were buried. The censuses of the county cemeteries, including location and names of those buried in them, is displayed on the walls of the library at the Morgan County Historical Museum in Versailles.

# Cemeteries and Churches of Morgan Co.

## Richland

1. Bethlehem Rural Church & cem.
2. Brannin fam.
3. Cline fam.
4. Ebenezer Church & cem.
5. Finley — Dinwiddie fam.
6. Florence
   Florence Methodist
   Florence Union
   Florence United Church of Christ
7. Martensen fam.
8. Milburn fam.
9. Reed — Stoney Point Church & cem.
10. Lowery fam.
11. Anthony fam.

## Mill Creek Twp.

1. Akinsville
2. Allison fam.
3. Baughman fam.
4. Bridges fam.
5. Burris fam.
6. Carpenter fam.
7. Chilcoat fam.
8. Ebenezer fam.
9. Ebenezer Old Log Church & cem.
10. Ellis fam.
11. Elizabeth Deeshe fam.
12. McCoy fam.
13. Mt. Carmel Church & cem.
14. Mt. Olive Church & cem.
15. Morrison fam.
16. Olive Branch Church & cem.
17. Porter fam.
18. Richardson — Beaman fam.
19. Stone fam.
20. Syracuse
21. Todd — Woolery fam.

## Haw Creek Twp.

1. Antioch Church & cem.
2. Ball fam.
3. Bethlehem Baptist Ch. & cem.
4. Chaney Chapel
5. Chism fam.
6. Freedom Church & cem.
7. Gerlt fam.
8. Glensted Church & cem.
9. Hinken Church & cem.
10. Mo. Lutheran Church & cem.
11. Mt. Nebo Church & cem.
12. Mt. Pleasant Church & cem.
13. Moore fam.
14. Old Stover Lutheran cem.
15. Parks fam.
16. Pleasant Union Church & cem.
17. Pyrmont Trinity Ev. Luth. Ch. & cem.
18. Ritchie Church & cem.
19. Salem Church & cem.
20. Self Chapel Church & cem.
21. Grave on Shelby Ross farm
22. Spears fam.
23. Stover City cem.
    St. Paul Methodist
    Mo. Lutheran
    Kipp
24. Wilcox farm (Kelly burying grounds)

## Moreau Twp.

1. Barnett Memorial Gardens
2. Bethel Church & cem.
3. Beulah Church & cem.
4. Big Rock Church & cem.
5. Rock Springs Church & cem.
6. Callison fam.
7. French fam.
8. Gate fam.
9. Hopewell Church & cem.
10. Kelsay fam.
11. Mt. Zion Church & cem.
12. Oak Grove Church & cem.
13. County Farm Pauper cem.
14. Pemberton fam.
15. Phillips fam.
16. Prairie View Church & cem.
17. Ratcliff fam.
18. Robertson fam.
19. Routon fam.
20. Versailles City cem.
21. Wesley Church & cem.
22. Woods fam.
23. Young fam.

## Buffalo Twp.

1. Alfter fam.
2. Ard — Menteer fam.
3. Braden fam.
4. Brewer fam.
5. Coffman fam.
6. Couts fam.
7. Franklin fam.
8. Frisch fam.
9. Gerlt fam.
10. Hunter fam.
11. Kreglinger fam.
12. Locust Church & cem.
13. Lopt fam.
14. Palmes fam.
15. Phillips fam.
16. Proctor cem.
17. Shiloh Church & cem.
18. Trinity Chapel Ch. & cem.
19. Taylor fam.
20. Grave on Joe Walters farm
21. Zwanzig fam.
22. Unmarked grave on Capps farm

## Osage Twp.

1. Bond fam.
2. Brant fam.
3. Buckley fam.
4. Cape Galena Ch. & cem.
   Corcyra cem.
5. Cooper fam. Sec. 16
6. Cooper fam. Sec. 19
7. Finley fam.
8. Hix fam.
9. Holst fam.
10. Humes fam.
11. Ivy fam.
12. Landrum fam.
13. Laurie cem.
14. Mahala fam.
15. Moritizky fam.
16. Rastorfer fam.
17. Rocky Mt. Church & cem.
    Kays fam.
    Gladstone cem.
    Davenport fam.
18. Sidebottom fam. Sec. 19
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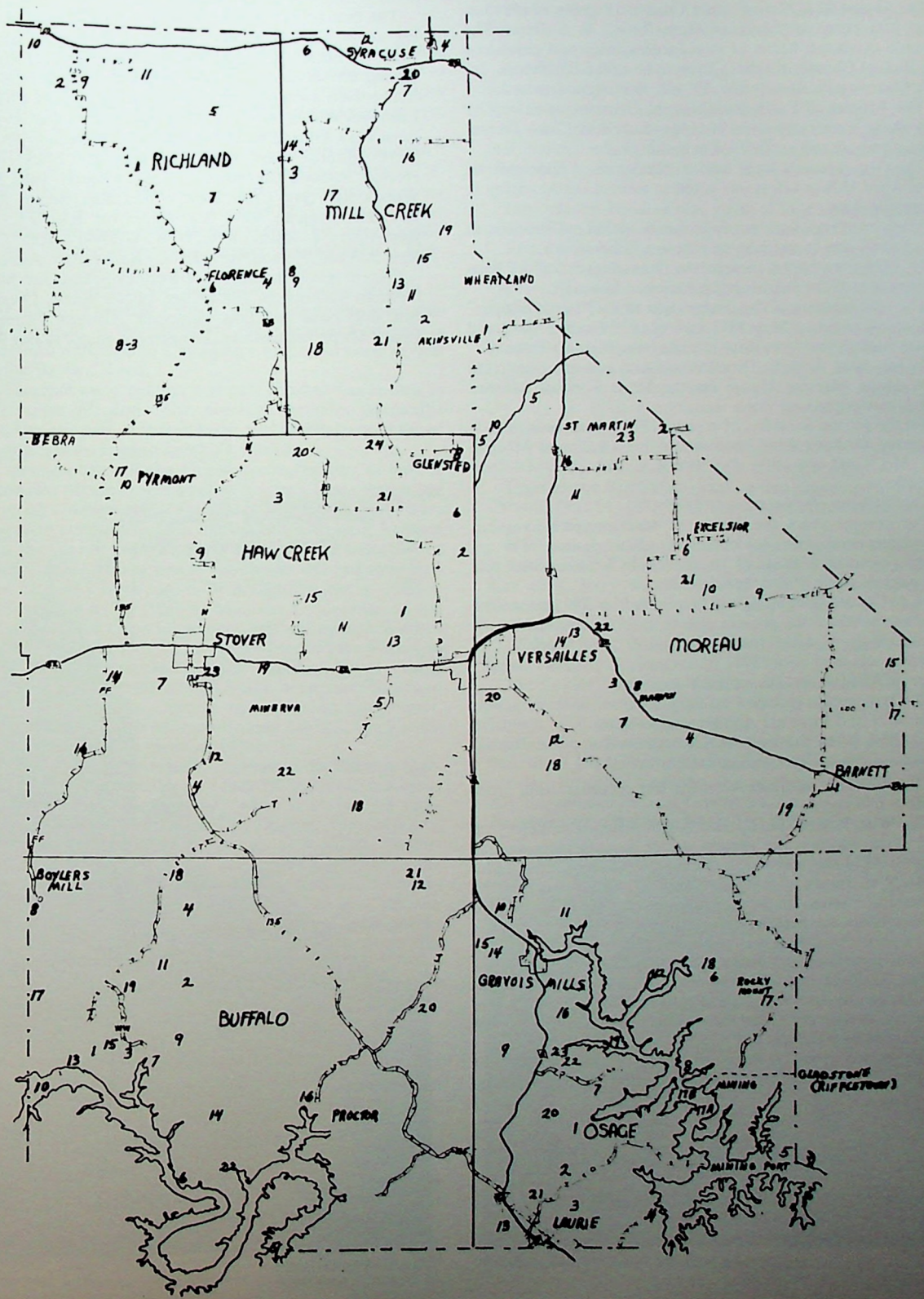
20. Silvey fam.
21. St. Patrick Church & cem.
22. Turpin fam.
23. Whittaker fam.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MOREAU
MINERVA
BARNETT
BOYLERS MILL
BUFFALO
GRAVOIS MILLS
ROCKY FORK
GLADSTONE (CLIFFSTONE)
PROCTOR
OSAGE
MINERAL POINT
LAURIE

# Big Rock Church

On August 9, 1827, in Cooper Co. Mo., a group of persons, who had come to Missouri from Tenn., K College. The Alumni Associati home of one Jacob Chism and organized the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ to be called Bethlehem. Jacob Chism was a circuit rider. He was elected moderator.

The Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum as set up by this group were carry-over from the churches of their former homes and are still easily read in the original.

The first meetings were held in the home of Elder Chism until April 1828, when it was voted to meet in the Academy in Boonville, Mo.

Many meetings were not held due to inclement weather, as most travel was by stage, open wagon and horseback.

In 1829 they began to separate themselves from the Missionary arm of the Baptist organization in Missouri.

The first mention of the observation of the "Lords Supper" or Communion was May 1831 and again in October 1831 and down through the years these months have been the custom.

In July 1834, John B. Thruston was sent as a delegate to the New Hope Meeting House on the Strait Fork of Moreau Creek in Morgan Co. Mo.

On the second Saturday of August 1835 it was recorded, "It is agreed to move this Church from Bro. Chisms to Morgan Co. Mo." and this they did, bringing with them all their records.

Jacob Chism was pastor until 1838.

For several years the places of meeting were irregular, sometimes in homes, sometimes in school houses. For instance, mention is made of Hardscrabble School, which was the original name of East Prairie School.

In 1847 a small building was purchased for $15 and moved to a site south of the present church near an enormous rock formation from which came the name, "Big Rock". This building was used until 1871.

In 1839 Benjamin Jackson became pastor.

The last minute recorded as the Church of Bethlehem was June 1851 and there are no recorded minutes from that time until 1859, when the body was reorganized as "The Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist" at Big Rock.

The July 1861 minutes were the last recorded until April 1865.

The Wm. P. Ross family had begun a family cemetery on their farm, which is the present site of our cemetery and on May 30, 1874 they deeded to the trustees of the church a plot in the N.W. corner of S.W.¼ of Sec. 18, twp. 42 N. range 16, containing 6 acres. On Jan. 20, 1923, Samantha Hicks deeded to the trustees one acre for the sum of one dollar.

The present building was begun in 1886. It is 32 ft. by 40 ft. and was completed and dedicated in Jan. 1888.

Wm. J. Hardesty of Montgomery Mo. was one of the pastors. He served over 30 years and died in 1931. Other ministers or elders, as they are called have been, Elder Murray Jackson and Elder Loyd T. Sapp.

The church meets on the third Sunday of each month and the present pastor is Elder Paul Christensen. *Sudie Gum Ferrin*

# First Christian Church

The First Christian Church of Versailles was established in 1886 and organized by G.A. Hoffman.

Charter members were John and Sarah Witten, Samuel and Mary Woods, Tabitha French, Susan Anthony, Betty Robinson, Isaac and Mary Dodson, and Ella Jackson. Elders were John Witten and Isaac Dodson.

The first service was held on the second floor of the building at the corner of East Newton and North Fisher streets. Bros. Hendrick, Dorsey Phillips and G.A. Hoffman conducted the services until 1888 when Rev. Anderson and Rev. Melvis held a protracted meeting in the Baptist Church. Rev. Edmond Wilkes was pastor of the church for several years from 1889. During his pastorate Dr. Sam Woods gave land on North Monroe street on which a beautiful brick church was erected. Among the pastors of the church were Rev. E.B. Woods, Rev. Sam Creel, Rev. Wilkes, Rev. Bickle, Rev. Mills, Rev. J.B. Duncan, Rev. A.S. Anderson, Rev. J.L. Freeman, Rev. Harry J. Rains, Rev. W.W. Gibbony, Rev. Carpenter, Rev. S. Allen Watson, Rev. Jimmy Kruse, Rev. Alfred Scott.

Present board members are Rodney Schad, Jim McLennan, Norman Thompson, Jim Miller, Lloyd White, Dwain Campbell, Bert Ford and Lois Campbell. Norman Thompson and Ernest Shepp are trustees. The present pastor is Jim Randall.

First Christian Church

# Florence United Methodist Church

The Florence Methodist Church came into being in 1912 when the Ebenezer Methodist Church, 2 miles East, moved to Florence. They bought their present building from a Lutheran congregation. The building was lengthened many years ago. An addition was built on a few years ago.

According to "A Short History of German Methodism," written in 1976 by Orin F. Nolting, Sebastian Barth, a 28-year-old Circuit Rider out of St. Louis, established a number of congregations in Central Missouri in 1843. Florence, Lake Creek, and Versailles were among them. This congregation surely was the one known as Ebenezer, 2 miles East of Florence.

Mrs. Joe (Alice) Schroder remembers attending services in German at the Ebenezer church. Even before the Ebenezer church was built at the site where the Ebenezer Cemetery is now, services were held in a building a mile or so north of that site on the Buffalo Road.

The Florence congregation was part of what was known as the Versailles Mission. The present Versailles Methodist Church was not part of that mission as it had been established earlier and was an English speaking church.

The second paster of the Florence congregation (a part of the Versailles Mission) was another young Circuit Rider, age 22, Heinrich Nuelsen, who came out to help Barth. There were a dozen or so congregations in the Versailles Mission. Nuelsen traveled the Circuit 6 months and during 1845 he established some new congregations, one of which was referred to as Pyrmont in Nolting's book but evidently was known as Hinken Methodist Church. By 1848 a Missouri Conference of the German Methodist Church had been established with William Schreck as Presiding Elder. The minister serving the Versailles Mission at that time was H.C. Dryer. This Rev. Dryer is mentioned as minister at the Hinken Church in an 1860 history of several Central Missouri Counties including Morgan County. This history book, in the Morgan County Library, has a paragraph about the Hinken Methodist Church.

The German Methodists had 3 districts in the German Conference. Florence was in the St. Louis District until a Kansas City District was created in 1893, when it along with Lake Creek became part of the Kansas City District.

The German Methodists continued as separate Conferences, yet part of the Methodist Episcopal Church. After the turn of the century more and more of the local churches began holding services in English and in 1926 Florence was one of a number of churches that merged into the English speaking Southwest Conference. Many churches even before this had merged into English speaking districts.

Evidently the Ebenezer congregation had ceased services in German even before the move to Florence in 1912 as only English was used in services after the move.

Some of the Families in the Ebenezer Church were Schroders, Kleins, Gerkens, Wieckens, Fethkes. There are still Schroders and Fethkes on the roll, and several other families are descendants of these early German Methodist families.

Mrs. Schroder remembers the minister who served Ebenezer when she first went there was Rev. Meier from Lake Creek.

When Ebenezer moved to Florence the Ebenezer building was torn down and the lumber used to build a parsonage at Florence and Florence had their own pastor. Later the Florence congregation was served by the Stover minister. The Stover-Florence charge existed for many years, but about 1970 Florence was added to the Otterville charge and remains to this time the Otterville-Florence Charge.

# Freedom Baptist

During the 1820's and 1830's many families moved into the area, north of Versailles. The closest Baptist Church was Old Liberty, some distance away.

On the first Saturday of Aug. 1844, twelve Baptists met in a home and organized, The United Baptist Church of Christ at New Hope, name changed July 1845 to Freedom.

In 1852, W.F. Long and wife deeded, one acre of land to the church for a building site. 1852, three acres (location of Cemetery) were deeded to the church by David Bogar and wife.

First church building was made of logs and probably completed 1854. This building served as a school until 1868.

Feb. 1870, churcb voted to build a frame church building 36 ft. by 50 ft. with a 14 ft. ceiling, two doors in front, and one in the rear. The cost was $920.00, above foundation. Lumber was hauled from Tipton, Mo., members donated work days. Building completed 1874, dedicated May 1878 (After all debts were paid.) This building stood erect from 1874-1978, for 104 years. It had no center posts from floor to ceiling. It was marvelous construction work, done with crude tools and manual labor. On July 11, 1978, a toronado wind, moved the north frame wall, from the sill.

The first Sunday School was organized in Morgan County, Mo., Mar. 20, 1882, J.T. Williams, Superintendent.

The Lamine Baptist Association was organized at Freedom Church, Oct. 21, 1872; and seven later Association meetings were held here.

Ministers licensed or ordained here: Andrew Estes in 1848, J. Edward Sims 1864, John K. Estes 1869, Rev. L.J. Baughman 1872, Jerry W. Gabriel 1881, W.O. Driver 1892, L.R. Kenney 1907, S.T. Stone 1923, Cecil O'Neal 1929, and Kenneth Carpenter 1957.

Church Clerk, Wm. Sims served 18 years, and Jack Williams, clerk for 22 years.

The Ladies Missionary Society, pieced many quilts, which were sold; providing money for a drilled well, and the church furnace, and other improvements.

Changing times caused this great early church to disband in Dec. 1969. The last act before disbanding was to help incorporate the Freedom Cemetery Association, so perpetual care may be provided for many ancestors, neighbors and friends of the community who were laid to rest in the church cemetery.

**Freedom Baptist Church Vacation Bible School**

# Lamine Baptist Association

Lamine Baptist Association, composed of Southern Baptist churches, was organized at Freedom Church, north of Versailles, October 31, 1872. It was named for the Lamine River. Its objectives as stated in its constitution are "to extend the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, to foster followship and voluntary cooperation of the churches, to be especially sensitive to mission needs, and to provide a ministry to all people within the Association."

At this time, these churches in Morgan County: West Union, Gravois Mills, Stover (with a mission in Ivy Bend), Versailles First, Bethlehem, Mt. Carmel, and Mt. Olive, are affiliated with Lamine Association, which also includes eight churches in Cooper County and two churces and a mission in Camden County. In times past, First Baptist Church of Sedalia and other churches in Pettis and Benton Counties were members of this Association, also Syracuse Baptist Church, which is now affiliated with Harmony Baptist Association. As many as twenty-three churches and preaching points within Morgan County were once included in Lamine Association. Better roads and means of transportation, population shifts, and rising prices have caused the decline in the number of churches, though the total number of church members increases.

In its centennial year Lamine Association published a *History of Lamine Baptist Association of Missouri.*

Lamine Association maintains an office in Versailles. Rev. John Farris is the Director of Missions.

The new Calvary Baptist Church of Versailles is now a member of the Lamine Association. *by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips*

# Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, about half-way between Syracuse and Florence, was constituted Nov. 14, 1874 by three ministers: B.F. Dinwiddie, Shannon Akin, and L.J. Baughman. There were eighteen charter members. The first deacons were James Parsons and Addison Burford. William Evans was chosen as clerk. B.F. Dinwiddie was the first pastor. It was customary in those days to extend an annual call to the pastor. Church services were held only once a month for many years. In 1945 Mt. Olive went to half-time, then to full-time in 1951.

The first meeting-place of Mt. Olive was an old log schoolhouse. In 1877 the church occupied its own home, a one-room frame building valued at $400. This building was replaced in 1914 by a larger one-room structure valued at $1600. Additions were built in 1956 and 1959, and improvements to the property are being made from time to time.

The church budgets reflect the changing times. Home church expenses in 1896 were $45.00. The budget just adopted for 1979 allots more than $5000.00 for the same purpose. Pastor's salaries show a corresponding increase, and giving for missions has likewise increased through the years.

Mt. Olive maintains a Sunday School, a Church Training program, and missionary organizations. Vacation Bible School is held each summer. Recreational and social activities are not neglected.

A centennial observance was held Nov. 15, 16, and 17, 1974, with appropriate activities.

Thirty-five different men have served as pastor. The longest consecutive period of service was that of Roy F. Williams — six years and seven months. It is interesting to note that a grandson of the first pastor, also named B.F. Dinwiddie, served as interim pastor for a time in 1957. Mt. Olive has licensed five men to preach the gospel, and held ordination services for three, one of whom was charter member C.H. Cramer, grandfather of Deacon Dale Cramer and Mrs. Pearl Otten, who are present members, as are great-granddaughter Mrs. Kay Moon, great-grandson Lynn Cramer, and great-great-granddaughter Kimberly Moon. Three grandchildren of the first clerk are also members of Mt. Olive at present: Deacon Charles Evans, Beatrice Evans, and Mrs. Kathleen Phillips. Present membership is 168.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, built in 1914
Mobile home is for the use of the Pastor

Our hope is that Mt. Olive Baptist Church may continue to serve our Lord in this community for many more years. Condensed from *A History of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Florence, Mo.* by Kathleen L. Phillips*Submitted by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips, Historian of Mt. Olive Baptist Church*

# Mt. Zion Church

In 1869 several families moved to the Mt. Zion community from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Canada, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Seven Swiss families had settled in Moniteau and Morgan Counties in 1866.

Tipton, which was the nearest and most important railroad station to the early settlers was located on the old Butterfield stagecoach route and an important cattle trail.

The Mt. Zioners first worshiped in homes and school houses, later meeting with the members of Bethel Mennonite Church until 1871, when Mt. Zion church was built and thirty-six people became charter members. The separation of the two Mennonite churches came about over the observance of foot washing in the service.

The Mt. Zion group was led by Daniel Brundage, who had been a minister in the Markham district of Ontario, Canada. In 1858 he moved to Indiana and ten years later to Morgan County. He was ordained as a bishop in 1870 while serving the Bethel church. The Mt. Zion people and congregation called the Church of the Brethren worshiped for a time in Fisher, now known as Prairie Valley School building, on alternate Sundays.

In 1872 a severe storm occurred in the area, which killed Jacob Blosser and his infant daughter, Sophia. Several homes were wrecked.

Mt. Zion Mennonite Church

Among the pioneers was Deacon Good's son, the man who founded the Woolworth dime stores. He opened a dime store in Tipton and later moved his business to Michigan.

English preaching became necessary after a few years since young people taken into the church could no longer understand German language. An English class was organized a few months after Sunday school was started. The congregation of Mt. Zion church has never used an instrument for hymn accompaniment in the church.

Bro. J.R. Shank opened a church at Carver in March, 1908 and the following summer Bro. J.L. Collier, a convert, was ordained a deacon and a church, Wilson Bend, was organized. These churches were located on the Osage River in south Morgan County. The building of Bagnell Dam in the 1930's greatly affected the Mt. Zion Mennonite work. The Wilson Bend Church and other churches were moved due to the formation of the Lake of the Ozarks.

One of the outstanding projects shared by the memberships of both Bethel and Mt. Zion churches was the Mennonite Central Committee Canning Project. Canning for relief meat and foods donated was begun in 1951 and continued until 1968 when government regulations made it difficult for the project and it was discontinued.

# Prairie View Church

Not much is known about the earliest settlers comprising the Prairie View Church. These belonged to the religious group now known as the Church of the Brethren, the beginnings of which were in Germany in the early 18th century. They held services probably as early as 1875 in the Fisher (Prairie Valley) schoolhouse on alternate Sundays with the Mt. Zion group.

In 1881 they built Prairie View Church on the grounds of the present building. More interested people moved in. David Bowman was their minister and as time went on there were over a dozen families. About 1903 one family moved to Oklahoma and about 10 years later some went to California.

Other ministers were William W. Holsopple, who came in 1885 and his brother Hiram L. Holsopple, who came later.

The old church was badly in need of repairs and W.W. Holsopple, being a carpenter, was head of a crew of members and friends who dismantled the old church and built the present

Prairie View Church

structure in 1927. But as membership was small and the minister was getting older the work was kept up with difficulty.

In the 1930's and 1940's the building was used by the community for Sunday School, community singings and an occasional funeral as late as 1951. In the 1960's some other groups asked for permission to use the building but is has not been in use since.

Jan. 19, 1968 a corporation was formed under the laws of the State of Missouri for perpetual care of the cemetery. *Mary J. Holsopple*

# Second Baptist Church

The Second Baptist Church on South Monroe street in Versailles was built in 1881 on land given by Judge James P. Ross, who also gave land for the Negro school to the north. A general warranty deed was delivered Dec. 31, 1978 to the trustees, Pompey Davis, Hamilton King, Lawyer Burris, Sr., Thomas Williamson and Ferdinand Shavers.

At the time the church was built Rev. L.D. Hardiman was pastor, Beverly Hunter was clerk and Mrs. Mae Pullom Daniels was treasurer. Deacons at that time were Beverly Hunter, Garfield Webb, Moses Webb, Jap Holder, Bert Martin, Selby Burris, and Walter Ross.

The present pastor of the church is the Rev. Homer Butler of Columbia.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

# Syracuse Church

Probably the oldest church building in Syracuse stood directly across Highway 50 from the Ruth Keevil gas station at the east end of town. It was a community church called Union Church and was built soon after the town was established in 1857. It served several denominations and was finally dismantled in 1919. The church site is now a part of the cemetery.

A Presbyterian church was built in Oct. 1859 on land bought from George and Malvain Shackelford on the corner of High and Wimer streets. During the Civil War this building was used as a hospital for soldiers. After the war the government paid the local Presbyterian group $3,000 damages. Later the building was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. It was never rebuilt.

The Baptists built their first church in Syracuse in 1896. Elias George, a pioneer Baptist preacher, walked from his home where Bunceton now is and preached for the early settlers of the Syracuse community at a little school house about half a mile west of the town. This was in the early 1840's. On Sept. 10, 1842 Old Beulah Baptist Church became organized.

From 1842 the church had 38 white members and eight colored members. In May 1857 the congregation worshiped in a building near Otter Creek on old Highway 12. There are still a few grave markers in the grave yard. Elias George was first pastor of the church, followed by Joseph W. Chaney.

After the church had been at low ebb for several years it was reorganized and W.V. Parsons was elected as pastor. In 1887 the name of the church was changed to First Baptist Church of Syracuse. A new church was built at a cost of $1,131.20 and dedicated the first Sunday in December, 1896, by Rev. C.N. White. The present building was constructed in 1918 at a cost of $15,000. It was dedicated May 9, 1920.

The Sunday school was organized in Feb., 1897 and has had only seven different men as superintendents: E. Hutchison, D.C. Decker, Ed Richard, Charles Peoples, Monroe Neale, A.J. Nelson and Herbert Brauer.

On Sept. 12—13, 1942 the church celebrated its 100th anniversary. Two members of the church who did not return from World War II were Harlen Neale and Billy Smith.

In 1955 the church built a new pastorium at a cost of $8,816. In 1961 an addition was made to the church. The interior of the educational building was destroyed by fire on Jan. 4, 1971. The building has been repaired and restored.

Pastors of the church from 1842 have been: Elias George, 1842; J.M. Chaney, 1859; C.J. Teas, 1860; Wm. M. Robinson, 1861; Wm. V. Parsons, 1869; F.W. Hyde, 1870; John Letts, 1871; T.V. Greer, 1874; Wm. V. Tipton, 1876; John Letts, 1877; L.J. Baughman, 1877; Wm. V. Parsons, 1877; John Letts, 1888; R.F. Driskell, 1890; C.N. White, 1895; F.W. Wisdom, 1905; John Tate, 1906; F.C. RIchards, 1907; T.R. White, 1909; Zeb Thomas, 1912; F.C. Richards, 1912; E. James, 1922; E.L. Huckle, 1924; L.E. Hedrick, 1925; G.L. Hedrick, 1928; H.W. Gadd, 1937; M.C. Ballenger, 1945; C.M. Renno, 1948; Wayne Masters, 1951; James Allen, 1954; Bob Potter, 1955; Jack Rowley, 1965; Harold Smith, 1967; Gary Payne, 1974.

Two of the longer service records in the church were Mrs. Monroe Neale, clerk, and Herbert Brauer, superintendent of the Sunday school. *Rosemary Schroeder*

# Old St. Patrick Church

The Jesuit order administered to the Catholic population before 1826 and until 1880. The masses were said in the homes by priests who rode horseback. In 1863 ten men met and planned the building of St. Patrick church. They were Thomas Fitzpatrick, Patrick Johnson, John Johnson, Francis McDonough, Patrick McDonough, Michael McDonald, Patrick Leahy, William Leahy, Josiah Riffle, Henry Purvis, Assisted by Hugh Lynch, Daniel Lynch, John Rastofer Sr. and other friends and neighbors.

The land was donated by Patrick Johnson. 3.38 acres located in South Morgan bordering the Camden County line. Materials were obtained from the surrounding forest. Limestone quarried close by and a kiln operated on the building site. Oxen were used to haul the stone and timber for construction. Labor was furnished by members of the church and many of their neighbors.

The church was designed to accommodate 80 persons and sufficiently completed in 1870 to hold services. The first floor was solid earth and split logs formed the crude pews. A native stone cross, labor furnished by the Osage Iron works, was erected over the roof above the entrance. Storms of many years caused this stone to crash and break up so a wooden cross replaces it today.

In 1883 St. Patrick church was dedicated by the pastor, Father Cosmos Sieberger. Since the creation of the Kansas City Diocese in 1880 Morgan and Miller counties were placed under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Kansas City. The pastors were now of the Precious Blood congregation. Twenty Four priests from this order served the Parish from 1880-1948.

Due to the increase of local population and influx of vacationers it became necessary to build a larger church. From 1948-1952 the little church became a mission and was served by Diocesan priests. First Father Jakuhowske from Cole Camp, then Frs. Burke and Wilberding from the new St. Anthonys in Camdenton.

A new St. Patricks was built in Gravois Heights and Dedicated in 1952.

A mission church from St. Patricks was established in 1962, when Father Thomas Duggan came to serve the parish. He built St. Philip Benizi in Versailles and said the first mass, Thanksgiving Day 1963.

Old St. Patrick Church

# EDUCATION

Barnett Institute Dramatic Class "Esmeralda"

Barnett Institute Orchestra 1910

# SCHOOLS

As early as 1833 Thomas G. Davis taught school about 12 miles northeast of Versailles near Joshua McPherson's home. Late in same year the county was divided into twenty-four districts and numbered one to twenty-four. Schools were opened in several districts as rapidly as settlements were sufficient to sustain them.

In 1889 with the county pop. 14,000 with but one town of any size (Versailles with a population of 1420) had seventy public district free school houses and a school population of 4,165, and two male and female Institutes.

Versailles Male and Female Institute, a private institution organized and established by Mr. J.K. Gwynn in the early eighties. He was succeeded by his brother Mr. F. Gwynn who conducted the school until 1891. Other men attempted to continue this school for several years, but with little success.

It was transferred to the Public School of Versailles.

The Versailles High School was organized in 1893. The first annual commencement of Versailles High School was held at the Jackson's Opera House, on Monday evening April 26, 1897. The graduating class of 1897 consists of four members, as follows; Misses Mable Livingston, Sadie Price and Nannie Woods and Ed. Curtis.

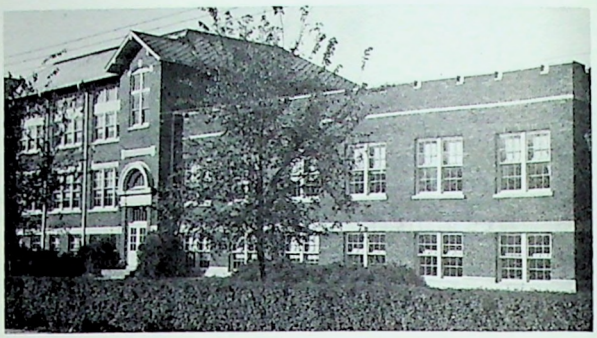
Mr. Carlisle's administration was a successful one, in building up the High School. He was succeeded in 1899 by Mr. W.S. Dade. Mr. J.A. Liversay taught in 1903 for four years. Mr. M. Wray Livesay was principal under J.A. Liversay so was made Superintendent, and held that position till 1909 when he resigned to assume the duties of County Superintendent of Schools in Morgan County. Mr. M. Wray Livesay was succeeded in high school in 1910 by Mr. C.F. Johns. Mr. J.F. Thornton became Superintendent in 1919.

Prior to 1884 the school was housed in a frame building located on a site near that now occupied old grade school building.

In 1884 a four room brick was built, which forms a part of the old Grade School that burned. Two additions have been made, the first in the later nineties and second 1915.

Several times during these years it has been necessary to rent rooms, so that the children could all be accommodated, so rapid has been the growth of the school. The school building had twelve rooms for the classes.

1920 enrollment in the grade was 341, in high school 107, which was the largest in the history of High School up to that time.



Versailles First High School building (3 stories) built in 1922. Addition in 1930's

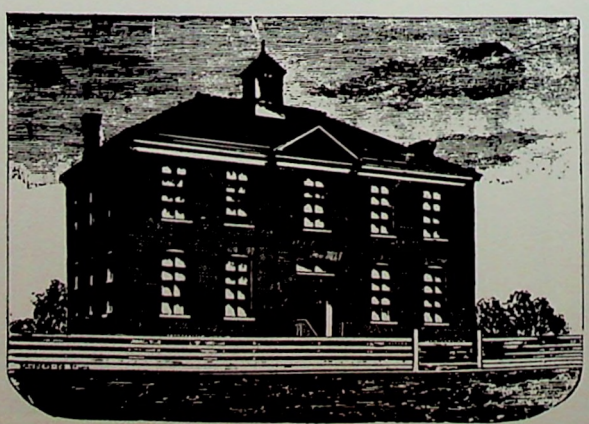
In 1921 the building was destroyed by fire. The new High School building will solve the problem of taking care of the children in a comfortable and satisfactory manner. The new High School on Washington Street was built in 1922. A new grade school was built on old site.

By 1921 three schools in county offering two years High School work, Stover, Barnett and Syracuse and Versailles offered four years work.

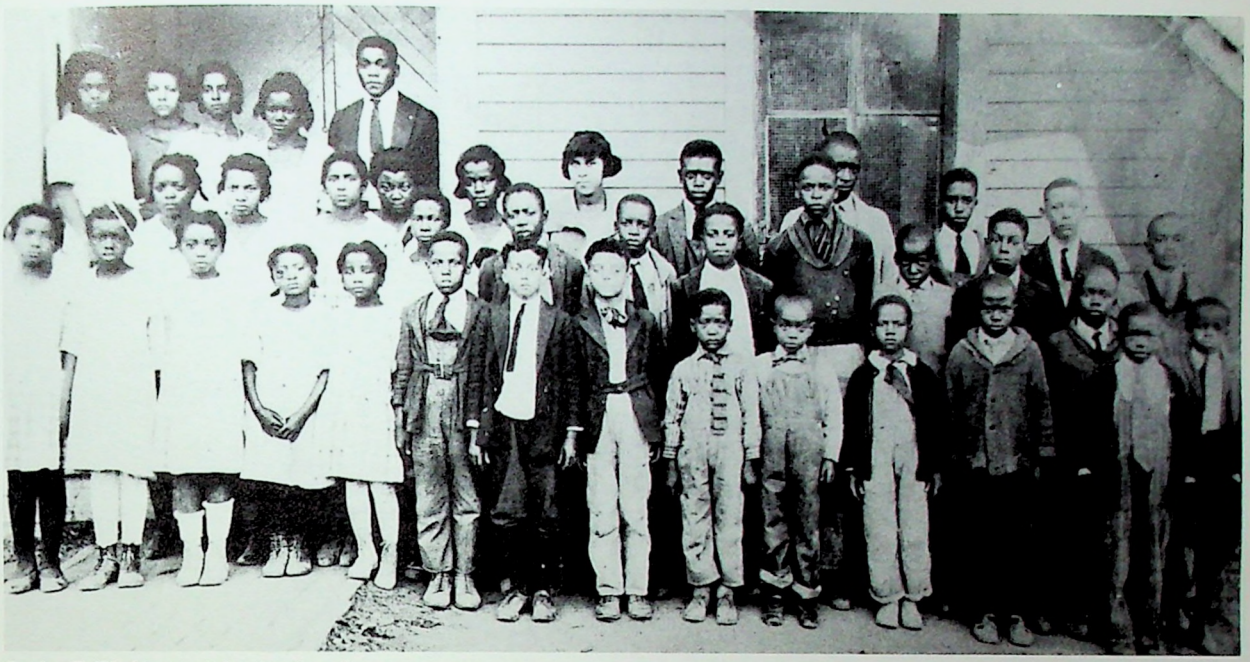
First man elected as head of the schools of the county was S.R. Lutman, Superintendent of County, but a short time later the Legislature did away with the office of County Superintendent and created what was known as School Commissioner. In 1909 the present law was enacted creating the office of County Superintendent.

1921 the Versailles district also supported a colored school, grades 1-8, the Booker T. Washington School on S. Monroe St.

Versailles Grade school — 1915-1921



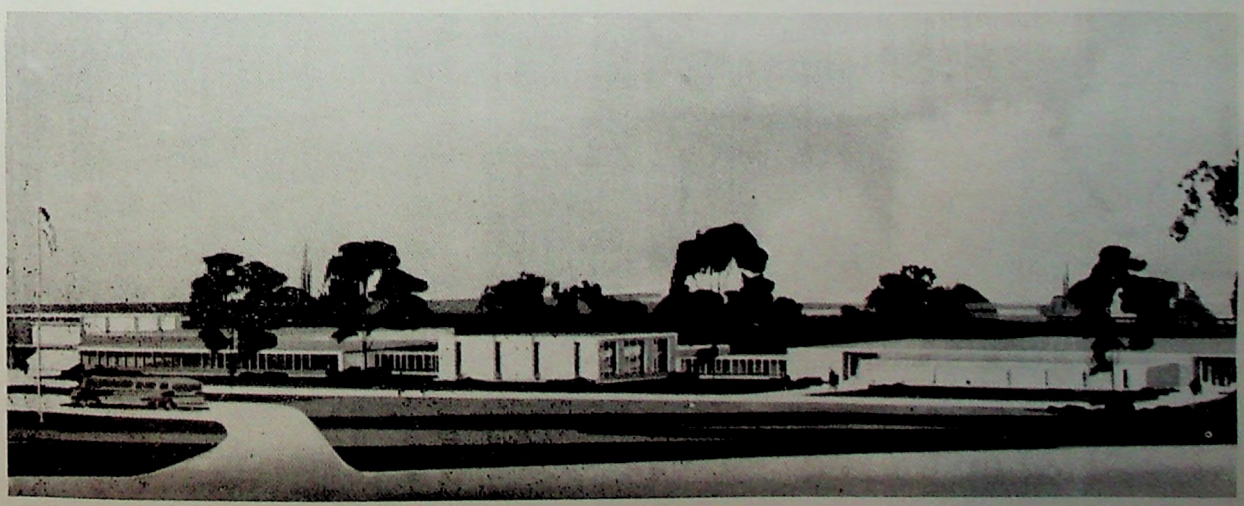
Versailles Public School building 1884



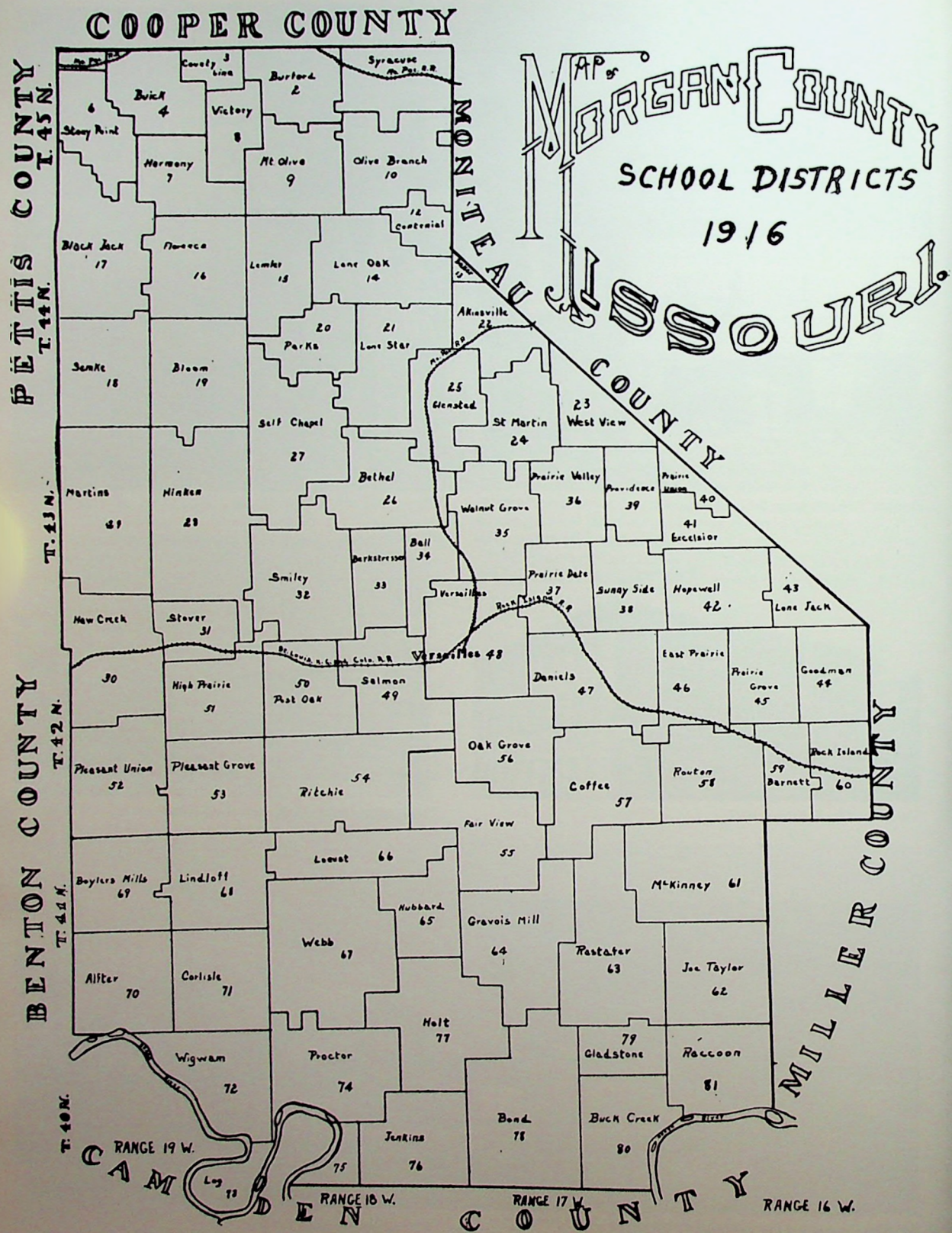
Booker T. Washington School and pupils

Versailles Grade School 1922

Morgan County R-1 at Stover — 1957-1974



Morgan County R-11 at Versailles — 1957-1974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# AKINSVILLE INSTITUTE

Akinsville Institute was built in Jan. of 1884. Mr. S.A. Weltmer teacher from Wayne County, Ohio, was the first teacher of the school and conducted it until 1887. Later known as "Akinsville Normal and Commercial Institute". In the spring of 1887 it published "Our Home and School", an educational journal at Akinsville which was discontinued after four months.

Professor Weltmer was a practical educator and stood in the front rank of his profession. The people of Akinsville and vicinity were fortunate in securing his services.

The school was established by a joint stock company, consisting of sixty of the best citizens of Morgan and adjoining counties.

In no instances did the pupils fail to stand at the head of their classes, and in at least two instances they obtained the highest grade ever given in as many leading schools in central Missouri.

By Oct. 22, 1886 Akinsville Institute was incorporated for both male and females.

By 1905 the school was no longer held, but this building was moved to Fortuna, Mo. in Moniteau County, which was their first school. In 1917 this school building was moved across the street to make room for a new two room school. The Akinsville Institute school building was moved once again, just across the street and made into a dwelling. In 1966 it was torn down.

Akinsville Institute, Akinsville, MO

# BARNETT INSTITUTE

The Barnett Institute was organized in 1906, and the building was completed and ready for use by September 1907.

The Institute was organized and run by W.H. Strong, the son of Levi and Judith Adcock Strong.

The directors of the school were Dr. W.L. Hatler, H.F. Beckman and W.L. Bradshaw - each of whom owned $500 worth of stock. There were other stockholders who owned a lesser amount of stock. Those who invested money in stock in the Institute could send their children to the school without charge. Other students attending the school paid tuition of three dollars a month.

The first year that the building was in use, one room was rented to the Barnett Public School District to be used for a grade school as the district did not have a building as yet.

When school opened September, 1907, there were 34 students enrolled and the records show that there were as many as 50 students in attendance some years. There were some country school teachers that, after they had completed teaching a six-months winter term, would enroll in the Barnett Institute to help them qualify for a teaching certificate for the next year.

Some of the subjects taught in the school were: physiology, psychology, orthography, world geography, physical geography, grammar, U.S. history, English history, ancient history, modern and medieval history, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, civics, botany, literature, astronomy, physics, chemistry, geology, rhetoric, penmanship and elocution.

At least during one year, there was a class in journalism. The class published a magazine in the year of 1912 called "The Ingleside". Ralph Manning was the editor of the magazine.

The school had regulations and, if a student broke one of them, he was given demerits; and when he had received 100 demerits, he would be expelled from school. Among the regulations was a curfew rule and one regarding dating. Students could have dates only on week ends and then, only if the dating regulation was suspended.

Among the highlights of the school year were the plays that were produced. There was one play presented about the middle of the year and one during commencement week. People would come from both Eldon and Versailles. Sometimes they would come on the afternoon train and go home on the night train. Miss Anna Lewis Sims from Versailles helped with the plays and in training students for dramatic contests.

Since the Institute was started before there were any automobiles in the community and closed before there were many, the girls from out of town who attended the school either boarded in homes, did light-house keeping or worked in some home for their board and room. The boys who came in from the country either rode horses or drove to school in buggies. Those boys, who came from a greater distance, boarded either at the hotel or in some private home.

Dan Bradshaw was the first graduate from the school and he graduated in three years with high honors.

The following people were graduated from the Institute:

1910 - Dan Bradshaw

1911 - Lillian Beckman, Charles Tompkins, Ralph Manning, and George Beckman

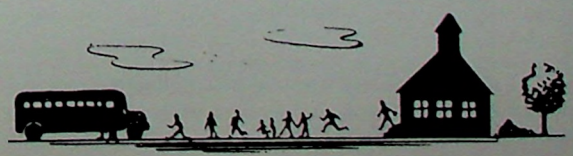
1912 - Letha Goodman, Mabel Berkley, Walter Beanland, Rodger Berry, Mattie Berry, Clarence Williams, and Oscar Weaver.

1913 - Lula Buzan, Desda Hatler, William Bradshaw, and Kleber Jones.

1914 - Grace Imler, Raymond Phillips, Fern Boan, Leona Phillips.

1915 - Stanley Andrews, Agnes Bradshaw, Eunice Etter, Thelma Imler, Robert Edmondson, Ralph Brown, and Ivor Bradshaw.

The Institute closed in the spring of 1915 and the building was sold to the Barnett Public School District and was used for a public high school beginning in the fall of 1915.



# CONSOLIDATION COUNTY SCHOOLS

The first school in the county seat of Morgan County was a little one-room log building that stood on a plot of ground on East Newton street about three blocks east of the square. After the new courthouse was completed in 1844, the log building that stood on the corner of East Newton and South Fisher streets, that had served as a courthouse, was used as a school for several years.

Miss Carrie Coleman and her sister conducted a private school in Versailles in 1868 and permitted the Baptist congregation to use the log school house as a meeting place.

In later years a two-story frame school building was constructed on South Fisher street, about four blocks south of the square, at a cost of $6,000. Two more rooms were added in 1899.

In 1907 Morgan county had 75 public district free schools.

J.K. Gwynn and his brother, Frank Gwynn, established an institution of higher learning in Versailles in 1884 at the east end of Williamson street which was chartered as, "Versailles Male and Female Institute", and was comparable to high school. The Gwynn teachers conducted the school until it was sold to Prof. G.W. Innes of Pennsylvania, a 75-year-old man who was considered a fine teacher.

A high school was organized in Versailles in 1893 by Prof. J.S. Carlisle with ten students.

In June 1921 the voters of the district voted bonds in the amount of $31,000 to build a new high school. A fire, said to have originated from defective wiring, destroyed the building on South Fisher street in Oct. 1921, that had housed the Versailles Elementary and High School. A new elementary school replaced the old one and the same year, 1922, a new high school was built, now the junior high school.

The reorganization and consolidation of schools was started in the 1950's and the last graduating class of the old Versailles High School was in 1956.

The new Morgan County R-II High School building was completed in 1957.

The voters of Morgan county approved a bond issue in a special election on May 3, 1971 in the amount of $960,000 for the construction of a new elementary school for Versailles and a new K-3 school at Gravois Mills. The new Versailles schools opened its doors to pupils on Sept. 5, 1972, with approximately 700 students.

School busing was started in the Morgan County R-II district after consolidation of the schools. However, the first busing of students was started by Paul Hilty, who drove a "homemade" bus for six years, starting in 1936, transporting twenty-five to thirty students from the northern part of the county to Versailles High School. The children paid $1.50 per month for bus fare and the State Board of Education supplemented Hilty's bus salary.

The consolidation of the Morgan County schools closed the doors of many rural schools scattered around over the country as the pupils were bused to the Morgan County R-I schools at Stover and the Morgan County R-II schools at Versailles. Stover and Versailles have elementary, junior high and senior high schools.

Syracuse is the only other small town in the county left with schools. Florence students are bused to Stover, Barnett students to Eldon R-I schools and Gravois Mills students, other than K-3 are bused to Versailles.

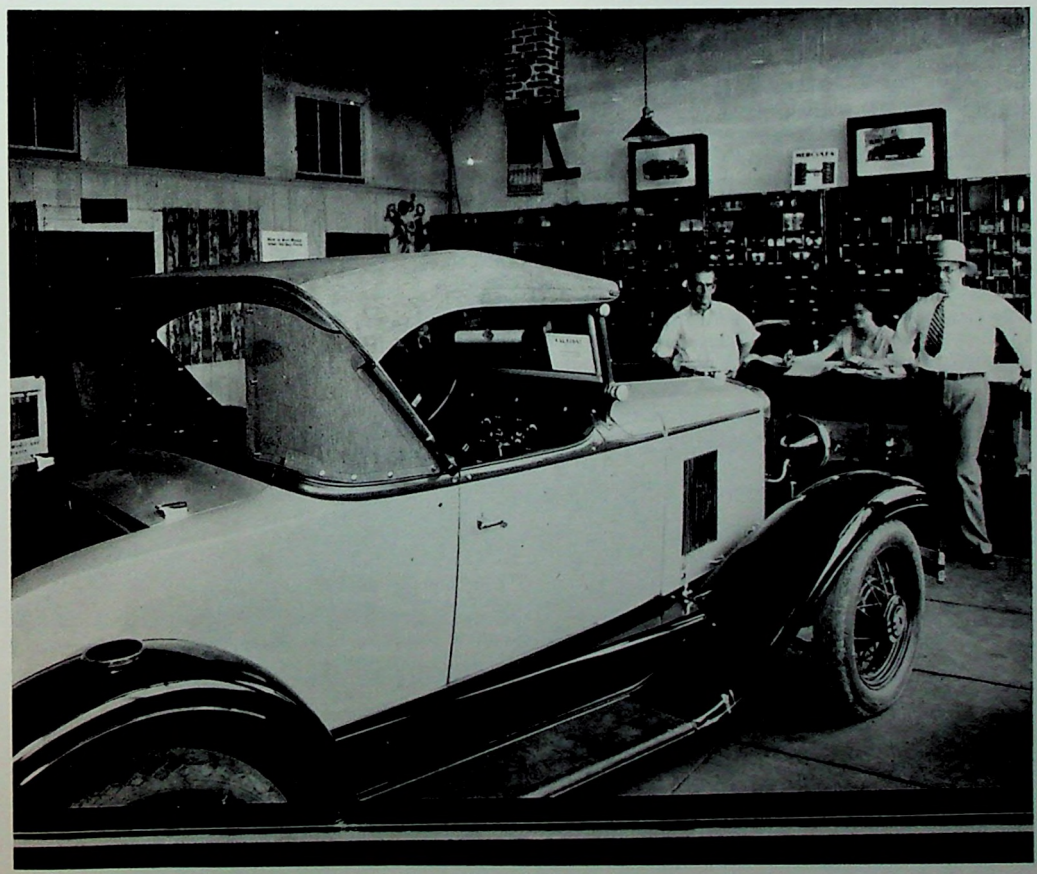
VERSAILLES MALE AND FEMALE INSTITUTE BUILDING.

# VERSAILLES INSTITUTE

A male and female high-school was incorporated in May, 1885. It was a movement on the part of prominent citizens of Versailles, who felt a deep interest in the cause of education. Meetings were held, and stock subscribed and a company formed. The company purchased Williamson residence for school purposes, paying therefore $1,500. (Williamson home later was George and Tommie Brown home, today the Walton home.) At the time of the purchase the property was owned by W.C. Silvey. The professor in charge of the school was Prof. J.K. Gwynn, with an assistant teacher.

Barnett School

# COMMUNICATION



P.J. McDonough, Mrs. Lois Herfurth and D.K. Hunter, Chevrolet Garage

# NEWSPAPERS

Morgan County has represented the press since 1858 when the Morgan County Forum was started in Versailles by John Henderson. The paper was published until the outbreak of the Civil War, when the editor and his brother, who was his assistant, marched off to battle and the paper was never revived.

The Morgan County Banner, a Republican newspaper, was the second weekly publication in the county. Its first issue was in 1866 and was started by William J. Jackson, who, after one year, sold it to B.S. Walker, W.A. Mills and J.H. Stover, who formed a publishing company. It was published by this company for one year. In the spring of 1867 W.A. Mills became the sole owner of the paper but in the fall of that year he sold out to W.H. McCarty, who published the paper until 1870, when it again became the property of Mills, who sold it a year later to John A. Hannay. The name of the paper was then changed to The Morgan County Gazette, under which name it was published until 1885, when the paper was sold to J.K. Gwynn.

Gwynn changed the name of the paper to the Morgan County Messenger, which was an eight — column Democratic publication. In 1886 when a major fire destroyed many business places in Versailles, the newspaper office was destroyed also. Gwynn then purchased the Gazette from Hannay and the name of the paper was changed to the Messenger — Gazette, the first issue of which was published in 1886. This Democratic paper was published until the major fire of 1887 which destroyed it and it was never revived.

The Versailles Vindicator, a seven column newspaper, was started by P.R. Crisp in 1868 but, after one year, it was moved to Kansas.

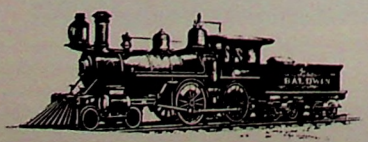
The Versailles Statesman, a Republican publication, was started in 1887 by John F. Mounts who was editor and published until his death in 1894. The paper was published by his widow until 1897, when it was sold to A.G. Baker, who published it until his death in 1930. The Statesman then passed into the hands of his son, Louis I. Baker. Other owners of the paper were Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Fleming, Jane Kneeland, Dick Jones and Sarah K. Halliburton. In 1948 the paper was sold to Roy E. Otten, publisher of the Versailles Leader, which he purchased in 1945 from John M. Earp. The name of the paper was changed to the Leader-Statesman. Earp, who inherited the Leader from Samuel Daniels, died in 1950.

The Leader-Statesman was sold in 1961 by Roy E. Otten to Wallace Vernon, publisher of the Eldon Advertiser and the Miller County Autogram-Sentinel.

For many years Versailles was the only place in the county where newspapers were published.

H.A. Harrell established the Stover News in April, 1911, later changing the name of the paper to the Tri-County Republican. He continued to publish the paper until April 1963, when his son-in-law and daughter, Matt and Clarice Washlick, became the owners and publishers. The paper has since been changed to The Morgan County Press.

Wallace Vernon, of Eldon, and Jim Anderson, editor of the Versailles Leader-Statesman, bought the Morgan County Press on Nov. 1, 1978 from Mrs. Washlick, who retired after the death of her husband.



John Hannay, the shortest man in the picture was Editor of Statesman newspaper about Henry C. Thurston, *the tallest man in the world.* He was 7 ft. 7½ in. tall, weighed 220 lbs., wore #15 shoe, #7 hat, length of trouser leg, 56 inches. In 1907 he was 77 years old. Came to Morgan County at age 3.

# FIRST TELEPHONE

The first telephone company in Versailles was organized in the late 1890's, incorporated July 18, 1901, for $5,000. At one time, the only long-distance telephone in Versailles was in the M. Spidel Confectionery on North Monroe Street, one block north of the square.

In 1906, Fred G. and George B. Dressie purchased the exchange and operated the office in a back room of the Martin

Hotel. The telephone company was operated at different locations over town until July 12, 1912, when E.M. Carter and sons of Keytesville, Mo., purchased the company and erected a square brick building on North Fisher Street. The building was completed in 1918.

The telephone company was later sold and known as the Scotia Telephone Company, again as the Ozark Central Telephone Company. Finally, with the purchase of the service by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the phone service settled down to one ownership.

Various telephone companies in the county were set up, merged or disbanded. One, the Farmer's Telephone Company, was located at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loan Kauffman, about three miles northeast of Versailles. Another was located at the Woolery home, in Glensted.

# ENTERTAINMENT IN MORGAN COUNTY

From the earliest days of Morgan County its residents have needed recreation and entertainment to offset the many hours of hard manual labor necessary for them to earn a livelihood and take care of their families, farms and businesses.

One of the first forms of entertainment in Morgan County was, no doubt, the medicine shows that traveled over the country, setting up in towns and hamlets to sell their products. There was always some form of entertainment such as guitar and banjo picking and singing to draw a crowd. There would be some jokes and then the manager would start hawking his remedies, guaranteed to cure all ailments of people and animals and for use as a good harness oil. So convincing were his testimonials that many gullible people brought out their wallets and paid their hard-earned dollars for the quackery.

Traveling troupes that came by train from the cities, bringing boxes, trunks and traveling bags, stayed at the local hotels and presented "the highest class" entertainment in the town halls. In Versailles it was the Wassung Hall, the second floor of the brick building now housing Gamble's Store on West Newton street, one-half block west of the square. The Wassung Hall, built by Mr. Wassung from Germany, was also used through the years for home talent plays and was used in later years as a silent movie theater. The movie theater in Versailles was located at one time in the south room of the Martin Hotel. There was also a hippodrome or outdoor theater located on North Monroe street approximately where the Carpenter-Guenther Lumber Yard now is.

One of the best remembered of entertainment in Morgan County was the tent shows that played for a week in their "big waterproof tent" set up on a vacant lot in Versailles during the summer months.

Ed (Toby) Ward and his company of musicians and actors was perhaps the most popular show of its kind. People looked forward to his coming each year and endured the hot temperatures under the tent to enjoy his comedy-dramas.

Then there were the chatauquas that also set up during the summer months in big tents and presented the classical type of entertainment including music, drama and many speakers. Although much of their entertainment was "above the heads" of most of the patrons, nevertheless, they bought season tickets and attended every night. Attendance at the chatauquas was a status symbol that put the patrons in a high bracket intellectually.

The lyceums were presented at the high schools about four times a year, usually in the high school auditoriums.

The Royal Theater in Versailles started with silent movies and in about 1928 went to "talking pictures" that lacked much in the mechanics of synchronization of sound and visual. In about 1932 the Royal Theater opened in its new brick building on the west side of the square with the latest movies that attracted hundreds of people.

There were other forms of amusement or entertainment in the county in the old days, not the least of which were many square dances and "play parties" or folk dances. There were singings in the homes on the occasions of weddings, family reunions and neighborhood parties. Picnics held in the Alum Well Park at Versailles, at Spears Cave and other places over the county drew many people who packed their baskets of food for their families and went by horsedrawn wagons and buggies, later in old model cars, to the fun gatherings.

Troutdale Hatchery, Gravois Mills

Versailles Handle Factory

The Sim's Place, 100 yrs. old

Moser Mill

The Old Lumpee House *(standing)*

Roy Meyer Store, Gravois Mills

 Head Orchard

Spears Mill

# HEALTH SERVICE

Old Morgan County Home

# OLD DOCTORS IN MORGAN COUNTY

Dr. John B. Thruston was the first practicing physician in Morgan County. He was born in South Carolina, graduated from a Kentucky college and located in Morgan County, Mo. in 1833. Married Nancy Walton, at her home six miles southeast of Versailles at Millville, first county seat of Morgan County.

Dr. P.T. James practiced medicine in Morgan County before the Civil War. He had a small brick office on his farm 1½ miles east of Versailles on the Jefferson City road.

Dr. S.B. Williams, who married Tilla Dale, taught a term of school in Versailles and moved to St. Louis county, where he practiced medicine. He returned to Versailles after several years and, while in the practice of medicine, served for one year as mayor of Versailles.

Dr. John C. McCoy was probate judge and postmaster in Versailles but kept a room in the courthouse as his doctor's office. He died during the cholera epidemic in Versailles that took the lives of many people.

Dr. Caffee of Cape Galena practiced medicine and sold merchandise. His store stood at the top of the hill overlooking the Osage River. He was a brother of Jim Caffee, carpenter and builder, of Versailles.

Dr. O.A. Williams of Versailles lived on his Moreau farm and practiced medicine. He served a term in the Missouri Legislature and was a member of the State Board of Health for four years.

Dr. G.M. Gunn married Ella Thruston and practiced his profession in his old home town of Versailles. He served as coroner of Morgan County.

Dr. J.T. Beale of Imlay, Neb. spent the best years of his life as a physician in Versailles. He also served four years as county clerk and was a notary public.

Dr. Howlett of Otterville served what is known as "Little Morgan".

Dr. John W. Boles first practiced medicine at Cape Galena, later moving to Versailles and engaging in the drug business. He patented several medicines and made and sold them.

Dr. Blacksten was a kindly, very busy doctor of medicine in Excelsior community. His office stood on the lawn at his spacious home.

Dr. Bridges of Syracuse was a medical doctor and was the son of Coley Bridges, Methodist preacher.

Dr. E.M. Carr of Florence, Mo. was a doctor, teacher and poet. He contributed many of his poems to the Versailles Leader Newspaper.

Dr. Reuben Cline first practiced medicine in Versailles, later in Florence.

Dr. George Lutman, father of Dr. H.N. Lutman, of Versailles practiced medicine in the Mt. Nebo community west of Versailles.

Dr. Wilson of Fortuna practiced medicine over a wide area and was well known. He was the father of Mrs. Morris Lammert of Versailles.

Dr. Tom Gibbs of Proctor practiced medicine at Florence and Proctor.

Dr. Charles H. Braden of Boyler's Mills had a wide practice in Benton, Morgan and Camden counties.

Dr. H.R. Fish, who resided at Gravois Mills, practiced in a large territory. He was also a skilled violinist. He, with Lewis Lumpee and George Bohling of Versailles, furnished music for the Versailles Dancing Club that met twice a month in the Krauss Opera House in Versailles.

Dr. Porter Williams of Versailles, practiced medicine in Versailles, then was superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane at St. Joseph, later holding the same position at Nevada, Mo. He was director of health in Kansas City in 1932.

Dr. Sam D. James, who died in 1931, at his home at Gulfport, Miss., practiced medicine a number of years at Versailles and Holden, later becoming a prominent doctor in Kansas City.

Dr. W.B. Hunter, who married Melva Gray, practiced first at Excelsior then at Fortuna before moving to Denver, Colo.

Drs. Joe and Bill Yates located in Versailles in the 1860's and practiced medicine here for many years.

Dr. W.T. Hubbard located in Versailles in the 1870's, practiced medicine for a number of years and returned to Syracuse. He was the father of Joel Douglas Hubbard and George H. Hubbard.

Dr. Bill Simpson of the Simpson Coal Bank community in east Morgan County, was a doctor in Morgan and Moniteau counties.

Dr. Buck moved to a farm on the Gravois Creek from Ohio. His office was in his home near Gravois Mills.

Dr. C.C. Price, son of Elwyn and Lizzie Price, of Versailles, assisted their son, Dean Price, in the management of his sanitorium at El Paso, Texas.

Dr. Vincel Williams, son of Dr. O.A. Williams, was born and raised in Versailles. He practiced medicine here and was superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane at Nevada, Mo., where he died unexpectedly.

Dr. Dunn moved from Kirksville to the Gravois Mills area and practiced medicine in Morgan County only a short time before his death at age 45. His wife and several children remained in the Gravois Mills ares.

Dr. R.M. Hargett of Barnett practiced medicine in that community in his two-story home half a mile from the town. It was converted into a hospital for the dead and dying when the cyclone swept through Barnett in 1881. He moved to Fresno, Calif. later returning to Versailles. He died in California.

Dr. John W. Comp taught school in western Morgan County and was county judge while studying medicine. After graduation he married an Argenbright woman and moved with his family, later to Oklahoma where he died in 1931.

Dr. Hatler was a physician and druggist.

Dr. Cord Bohling represented Morgan county in the state legislature and was head of a sanatorium in Sedalia.

Dr. P.G. Woods of Versailles, after graduating in medicine, was in the drug business and banking business in Versailles. He was also county treasurer.

Dr. Lee Murray of Versailles and Dr. George Wilson of Proctor settled at Holden and later at Nevada, Mo.

Dr. A.R. Keiffer taught in the Versailles public schools, graded in medicine and married Belle Spurlock. He became a prominent physician and surgeon in St. Louis.

Dr. Dan Yarnell, nephew of Dr. O.A. Williams practiced medicine in Versailles and later went to Eldon.

Dr. Joel D. Hubbard quit the practice of medicine at Syracuse and became county clerk for Morgan County, serving two terms. He was in the banking business and finally practiced medicine in Sedalia. He served one term in Congress.

Drs. Jack and Gregory Gunn were born in Versailles, graduated from medical schools in St. Louis and established the Gunn Clinic in Versailles. They also owned drugstores in Versailles.

Dr. Harry N. Lutman, son of Dr. George Lutman, practiced medicine for several years in Morgan County. He married Ina Witten, who died young. He was postmaster in Versailles for several years, where he died unexpectedly of a heart attack.

Dr. William Well moved from Osage county to Versailles and was a physician here for many years. He served as mayor of Versailles for three years and had the first city hall built.

Dr. Charles A. Wiest of Stover, came from Millersburg, Pa. and practiced medicine in Old Stove. He held degrees from Maryland University at Baltimore, Md. and attended Johns Hopkins University. He also held a degree in dentistry. He died April 20, 1944.

Dr. Osborne, son of Mrs. P.G. Woods, formerly of High Point, graduated from medical school and married Mary Hubbard. Practiced medicine at Otterville many years.

Dr. Bay practiced medicine at Florence for many years. He also owned and operated the Florence Opera House.

Dr. R.Q. Kelly came to Versailles from Moniteau county. He practiced medicine for many years. He married Willie Williams and moved with their daughter to Bunceton.

Dr. Wheat of Barnett practiced medicine in Barnett but died after a long illness of lung disease.

Dr. R.M. Ross of Versailles practiced medicine in St. Louis, returned to Versailles and later went to Portland, Ore.

Dr. Samuel N. Newton moved from Stover to Versailles after starting the practice of medicine in 1908. He practiced medicine in Stover for 15 years.

# DOCTORS IN STOVER

Dr. Samuel N. Newton started his practice in Stover, Mo. about 1908. He practiced medicine there until 1923 when he moved to Versailles.

Dr. John D. Kueck practiced medicine in the Haw Creek area.

Dr. Cord Bohling was at one time in partnership with Dr. Wiest in the drug store business in Stover in addition to their regular practice. Dr. Bohling later moved to Smithton.

Dr. M. Dick, a native of Henry County, practiced medicine and managed a drug store at Stover.

Dr. Charles H. Brady, a native of Benton County, came to Stover from Lee's Summit and later moved to Chillicothe then to Sedalia.

Other doctors who practiced in the Stover area for short periods were Dr. Casebolt, Dr. Reynolds, Dr. Hoefer, Dr. T.P. Wescott and Dr. P.F. Eckhoff.

Dr. H.A. Hoffa is currently an osteopathic doctor at Stover.

Dentists who have served the Stover area include Dr. M.C. Lee, Dr. Gatewood, Dr. William McConnell, Dr. Finis Huffman, Dr. John H. Hull, and Dr. Thomas T. Hoyne.

# COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAM

In a special election held Feb. 6, 1962 voters of the county approved a proposition whereby taxpayers would pay one-half mill per $1.00 or 5 cents per $100.00 valuation to make possible a health program for Morgan County. Previous to that, Mrs. Helen Bolton, R.N., conducted a demonstration for eighteen months with the county, the Morgan County Tuberculosis Association and the school district contributing funds toward its support. At the end of that trial time, the Morgan Countians considered the program worthwhile. At the time the program went "on its own" the Morgan County Health Center borrowed $2,000 from the Morgan County Tuberculosis Assn. without interest. The loan was paid off in 1964.

The first Morgan County Health Center was located in the northeast corner of the courthouse basement with Mrs. Helen Bolton, county nurse, and Miss Oleta Flottman as secretary.

Funds in the amount of $33,320.00 were approved by the Hill-Harris federal program in April, 1966, which constituted 49 percent of the cost of the new Morgan County Health Center. The Morgan County Health Board was required to supply the remaining 51 percent.

Gregory Gunn, architect of St. Louis, supplied the blue prints for the structure located at 104 West Lafayette Street, into which the personnel of the health center was moved in 1968.

On the nursing staff at the center are Mrs. Helen Bolton R.N., county health nurse, Mrs. Mary Zelmer, R.N. and Miss Pauline Hofstetter, L.P.N.

Other offices at the health center include that of Ron Leuthen, county sanitarian, and Mrs. Pat Graber, outreach worker for the Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center in Columbia, whose secretary is Mrs. Karen Lujin.

Known as the Sullens home in Versailles. Used by the soldiers during the Civil War *(standing)*

# OLD MORGAN COUNTY HOME

The old red brick building, one mile southeast of Versailles on "W" road, with its red tile roof, front balcony and spacious grounds was once the pride of Morgan County citizens. It was called "the poor farm" and that was what it was for it was a shelter and home for indigents of Morgan County who had not other homes, and was supported by county taxes. Many of the residents of the home were physically and mentally handicapped.

The construction of the County Home building was begun in the middle of the summer 1913 with George Sherman contractor and Fred Monsees, both men of Versailles, as supervisor. The total cost of the building was $18,979.00.

Bricks used in the structure were brought here by Missouri Pacific railroad from Boonville and hauled to the site by teams and wagons. Approximately 19 carloads of bricks were used, purchased through the Abell and Hardy Lumber Yard of Versailles. Gravel used was brought from the Little Gravois Creek bottom at the Sy Huffman property near the YMCA Camp. The land on which the building was constructed was purchased from the George P. Clark estate.

The building was completed in 1914 when residents began being admitted to the home.

The first county home for Morgan County was located in a sprawling frame building about two miles east of Versailles. C.C. Marriott and Henry Jones were the first superintendents of this home.

When the 1914 county home was completed there were many visitors who came to view the impressive building set on 98 acres of ground. The concrete circle drive in front of the building, over which carriages and cars could be driven, and the concrete wall bordering the grounds added to the attractiveness of the place. The hills surrounding the building were pockmarked with the evidence of the efforts of early settlers in this part of the county to unearth veins of minerals.

The kitchen and dining room were located in the basement of the building and meals were prepared three times a day for the occupants by the owner and his wife, with the help of some of the residents. Food was carried from the huge wood-burning range in the kitchen to the long dining room where the men and women were seated at a long dining table. A large furnace in the basement furnished steam heat for the building, with radiators in every room.

The first and second floors had wide corridors with small bedrooms on either side. A large room with bath, at the southwest end of the first floor was the mens' lounge. A similar room at the opposite end of the hall was used for the womens' "sitting room" during their leisure hours.

Large rooms on the second floor were wards, and the mens' and womens' wards were situated at opposite ends of the corridor. The place was built with many large windows for light and for cooling during the hot summer months. On the second floor, also, was a room with iron bars over the windows. This was used to restrain people who were mentally ill or unruly.

There were 35 rooms and six baths in the building.

The average number of residents in the home was from ten to fifteen. Their food, clothing and medical expenses were paid by county taxes. Those who were able helped to work in the fields, gardens and truck patches that produced food for the home and with the dairy cattle, chickens and hogs kept there for meat, milk and eggs. The residents also helped to keep the grounds neat and helped with the housekeeping and laundry. The forty acres of tillable land in the creek bottom produced large crops of vegetables, corn, small grain and big watermelons.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris were the first superintendents of the county home. They planted the large maple trees in the front yard and did much other landscaping. Other operators of the home included Mr. and Mrs. Orville Mew, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Olney Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Garrison. The Garrison's leased the building from the county after old age benefits and social security became available to the elderly people, and operated it as a private institution.

A unique feature of the home is the markings on the stairway, with a pocket knife, of notches at the position of the steps to help blind people to climb the stairs.

Many school picnics were held through the years the spacious meadow near the creek with an artesian well nearby where the school children got water to go with their picnic lunches. The place was acquired in 1956 by the late Mrs. Tommy Mara. She took great pride in an old fireplace she had built in a basement room with rocks she had collected. A large stone on the front of the fireplace was brought from the Ha 'Ha Tonka property many years ago when it was known as the Gunter Mill.

Present owners of the old county home are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Green, who have done a lot to restore it and have it furnished with antiques.

# KIDWELL BOARDING HOME

The Kidwell Boarding Home, located on Rock Island Drive in Versailles was opened in 1954 as the first rest home in the area by the late Wm. F. Kidwell. Mr. Kidwell gave the home to the area as a place for the aged and infirm of Morgan County.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford were the first managers and open house was held in the new stuccoed concrete block building on Oct. 17, 1954. It had 44 rooms divided into male and female departments by a large recreational room in the center.

After the death of Mr. Kidwell in Oct. 1958, title to the place was delivered to the city of Versailles. The home was sold in 1959 to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Young of Council Bluffs, Ia. and the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Freeland were managers.

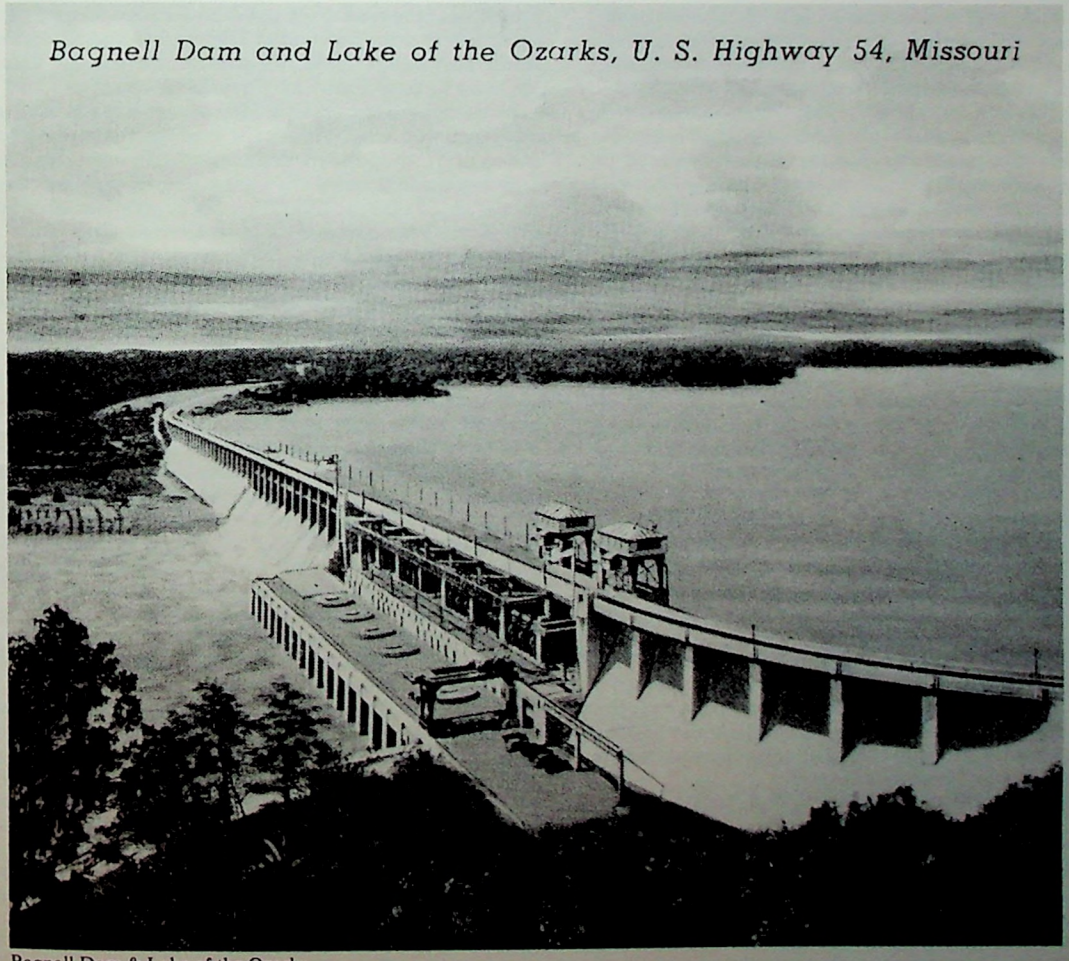
Mrs. Crawford bought the home back and operated it until ill health forced her retirement. She sold to Kidwell Nursing Home, Inc. composed of ten businessmen, headed by Gene Bartram. The home was operated with Mrs. Gladys Wood as manager until 1972 when the residents of the home were moved to the new Good Shepherd Nursing Home. An auction sale of the equipment of the home dissolved the corporation. The City of Versailles, Good Shepherd Nursing Home District and Central Methodist College of Fayette sued for declaratory judgement to determine ownership of the property and the city sold it to the District. The place was remodeled and equipped and is now the Kidwell Boarding Home with Mrs. Marvel Clark as manager. The first Mgrs. were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilty.

Florence Women's Quilting Club

Stover family with horse and buggy

# LAKE OF THE OZARKS

*Bagnell Dam and Lake of the Ozarks, U. S. Highway 54, Missouri*



Bagnall Dam & Lake of the Ozarks

# LAKE OF THE OZARKS

In the summer of 1931, after the damming of the Osage River at Bagnell caused the water to back up and form the Lake of the Ozarks, the people of the area around the Lake looked at it in disbelief and declared that their ancestors should have lived to see this "miracle". The Bagnell Dam, last of the nation's big dams to be built with private capital, exclusively, forms the Lake of the Ozarks by impounding the Osage River and its tributaries. The dam, constructed and operated by Union Electric Company of Missouri, serves the purposes of providing power and maintaining one of the Midwest's favorite recreational areas by its reservoir.

The dam, built of reinforced concrete, is 2,543 feet long and rises 148 feet from the bedrock of the Osage river to the floor of the bridge over the dam. The spillway section, 520 feet wide, is controlled by 12 floodgates, each weighing 27 tons and capable of discharging 101,000 gallons of water a second.

The Dam power plant is connected with Union Electric's system by four transmission lines supplying power to St. Louis industries, homes and farms in eastern and northern Missouri. Another transmission line connected with Kansas City makes power available to still more cities.

Bagnell Dam, built at a completed cost of 36 million dollars, had been in the talking stage long before it actually became a reality. As early as 1912 there had been proposals to build a dam across the Osage River near the town of Bagnell.

The Lake began to form Feb. 2, 1931. Announcement was made that the dam's hydroelectric plant was in full operation Oct. 19, 1931. The trafficway over the dam was opened to public travel May 30, 1931.

The Lake of the Ozarks, largest artificial lake in the world when it first began to form behind the dam, stretches 129 miles in length with maximum width of 5 miles. Its 1,372 mile shoreline, longer than Lake Michigan's, sprawls through some of the country's loveliest scenery.

This reservoir holds 650 billion gallons of water and covers an area of 95 square miles or 61,000 acres. The water covers 17 per cent of Camden county and parts of Miller, Morgan, Benton, Henry and St. Clair counties.

While the dam itself is across the Osage river, valleys along the Big Niangua, Little Niangua and Grand Glaize rivers and Linn and Gravois creeks as well as smaller streams are inundated.

Actual construction of a dam at the present site was begun in 1925 by the Missouri Hydro-Electric Power Company. This company had been organized in September, 1923, after preliminary study of the Osage river flow, elevations, bedrock, and other factors. Some 50,000 acres of land in the basin of the proposed lake had been optioned.

Financial difficulties were encountered, however. On July 27, 1929, the Missouri Public Service Commission granted a permit to Union Electric to buy the Bagnell power project from Missouri Hydro-Electric Power Company, and granted the purchasers a certificate to construct, maintain and operate the proposed dam and power plant.

Work began on the dam the next month, and was completed 18½ months later.

Simultaneously with the construction work, crews of land buyers were at work in the reservoir area buying the land which is now flooded. The largest community affected was the town of Linn Creek, former county seat of Camden county.

Two new towns sprang up in its stead — new Linn Creek and Camdenton. Many farmers, accustomed to river bottom land, moved to the Missouri river bottoms of Howard county.

In addition some 3,000 graves — all that were located in the reservoir area — had to be moved to new locations. Crews of men, often as many as 80 at one time, worked to plat the old cemeteries, choose new sites, lay out lots and transfer the bodies.

Another task was reorganization of the postal system. Six post offices in Camden county had to be moved to new locations. Many rural routes, cut in two by the Lake, had to be rerouted.

New bridges had to be erected, roads rerouted — all problems that were met in such a way as to make the Lake of the Ozarks recreational region today readily accessible to its thousands of visitors annually.

The only means of getting from the north side of the Lake to the south side from Highway 5 into Camden county was by means of a ferry in the area of Hurricane Deck, which began operations in July, 1931. The ferry could operate only about 100 days during the year. It carried passengers across the Lake of the Ozarks, a distance of one and one half miles, for five years, until the Hurricane Deck bridge was opened in 1936.

The ferry, which was operated by the late Dale Francis, Loyd Green, and others, was kept busy, especially over the weekends and holidays, carrying travelers across the vast body of water. A total of 280 cars were taken across the lake on a Sunday in September of 1931, according to a news report in the Versailles Leader.

A traffic check on Highway 5 in July, 1931, showed 700 cars passed over the road from 6 A.M. to 11 p.m. in spite of a large sign erected at the junction of Highways 5 and 52 north which read, "This Road Closed," to direct traffic through Eldon over Highway 54 or to Cole Camp over Highway 65.

Investments in excess of $50,000 were made in a private club, made up of 22 prominent members of the Kansas City Board of Trade, which was one of the first resorts. The property was made up of a club house and 20 cabins, ranging in cost from $3,000 to $10,000 on 70 acres of land, located 20 miles from Versailles and six miles from the dam.

Among the first men to establish resorts in the Gravois Arm area of the Lake of the Ozarks were E.E. Norquist, M.H. Towne (Two Waters), C.W. Kavanaugh, (Gravois Beach), and James Dunn, of Texas.

The formation of the Lake gave new life to all of the towns around the area, including Versailles. The Versailles Chamber of Commerce advertised the town as "the logical starting point for a tour of the Lake of the Ozarks." Travel to the Lake area by rail had the advantage of the main line of the Rock Island between St. Louis and Kansas City, with "fast, comfortable trains", and the branch line of the Missouri Pacific from Boonville, the Chamber further pointed out.

Versailles was called the "Gateway to the Lake of the Ozarks" and local businesses were named accordingly, among them the Gateway Drugstore and the Gateway Lodge.

Little Egypt and the Gateway Lodge, was built within a block of the courthouse square to help take care of the tourists' lodging. It consisted of an 8-room residence and six cottages with a central shower bath house, located on South Monroe Street, where the Versailles postoffice now stands. It was operated by L.G. McMillen and his sons, Jack and Pyron, and was established in 1931. Versailles was built up as a town having an altitude of 1000 feet which "insures pleasant summer nights and golden summer days" for the traveling public.

L.E. Ordelheide, assistant public health engineer was assigned to the Lake region in 1931 to carry on resort sanitation program for sanitary conditions including portable water supplies and sewage and garbage disposal to prevent possible pollution of the lake.

The Lake of the Ozarks Improvement and Protective Assn., was formed in Kansas City in Feb. 1932 for the development and welfare of the lake region. Ward C. Gifford of K.C. was elected president.

The 1932 issue of the Leader stated, "One of the large building projects now underway along the Lake of the Ozarks is

that at Hurricane Deck, where nearly $60,000 is being spent in permanent residences, summer cottages, and a large boat dock." A $6,000 home was built by F.M. Strutz of Boonville, Leonard Waddell of Kansas City also started a summer cabin made of logs at a cost of between $5,000 and $6,000. Other buildings erected there were by Mrs. McKee Welch, of Lee's Summit, W.B. Tobin and Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Collins of Kansas City.

Walter A. Slusher, former chief operator of the boating facilities at Lake Taneycomo, was to spend $30,000 in docks, two large boats and 50 smaller ones according to reports. Jack Pearson of Kansas City had a store building underway early in 1932.

Of the many tragedies on the lake, two of the first were the drownings of Dr. A.W. Nelson, banker of Boonville, and Walter D. Semple, prosecuting attorney of Cooper county, who were in a fishing boat, rented from Ernest Hart at Lakeview Beach, and went out for a ride on a cold, windy March Sunday. The boat overturned drowning both men.

In April, 1932, T.T. McKinnon, superintendent of the Swope Park and Higginsville hatcheries, W.W. Smoyer of Versailles, game warden, and several other men of Gravois and Versailles seigned parts of the Gravois Creek and took many small and big mouth bass, blue gill, perch, crappie and rainbow trout which they used to stock the Lake of the Ozarks.

Among the resorts on the lake in 1932 were Gravois Beach, Lake End Camp, Washburn's Point, Mel Adkins (Pistol Club road), Lake View Beach, Chinkapin Springs, Green Bay Terrace and ferry, Ayres Camp, Bradley's Camp, Sunrise Beach, Hull & Chatterton, Hurricane Deck and Purvis.

A group of 125 Versailles people, including the band, in 33 cars, toured the above resorts as a get-acquainted trip in June, 1932. "Jess Garrison, of Carl's Oil Co., brought up the rear with a good supply of tires, tubes and other tire-repairing equipment," stated the follow-up report of the Leader.

The Arrowhead Beach Club was established by Solon T. Gilmore and Moreland Brown of Kansas City. A large, rugged part of the Lake near the Bagnell Dam was "transformed" into a resort with a hotel of native stone and log timbers with 100 guest rooms, dining room, bath facilities, and a boathouse to cost $80,000, located on Hwy. 54 in the Horseshoe Bend area of the lake two miles south of the dam.

Williams Lake End Camp, located seven miles south of Versailles, on Hwy. 5, was opened to the public in June 1932, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawson of Kansas City as managers. It had a dining room with eight sleeping rooms upstairs and nine cabins across the highway with a capacity of four to twelve persons each.

Another tragedy on the Lake in June, 1932 was when Harvey S. Stuck, Kansas City, prominent man and a cousin of Mrs. Wm. F. Kidwell of Versailles, was swept from the upper deck of his houseboat in a severe thunderstorm. Many drownings occurred in the early days of the Lake, some due to boats striking floating logs and topped trees left in the lake basin.

The steel bridge, across the lake at Hurricane Deck, completed in 1936, cost of $655,000. It took two years to build the bridge, which was dedicated with special ceremonies on Oct. 3, 1937 at 4 p.m. The bridge, which stands in 87 feet of water, was a toll bridge and toll collected for several years was used to pay for the cost of the structure.

During its construction a workman fell across a girder, while painting, killing him outright. His body was removed from the girder and brought up by Gene Bartram, an employee of Kidwell's Funeral Home, and a helper, who was let down a distance of about thirty feet by means of a rope to tie another rope around the body and bring it to the floor of the bridge.

Hurricane Deck was called one of the most spectacular points on the lake, where the Osage Indians were said to have stood to watch for smoke signals and sight canoes on the Osage River. Purvis was also one of the earliest resorts on the lake, with several cottages near the lake front.

Gravois Mills, which had not been developed in 1931, was advertised as "where the lake forms the perfect spot for surf riding and swimming."

Linemen for the Ozark Central Telephone Company completed a new telephone line into the Lake region as far as Hurricane Deck and on to Sunrise Beach in 1933. There were phone toll charges from Versailles to Gravois Mills, Hurricane Deck and Sunrise Beach for many years.

Many difficulties were encountered during the formation of the Lake of the Ozarks, one of which was a law suit brought by the Union Electric Light and Power Co. against Morgan County, which had as its object the recovery of a part of the $126,000 paid the county for damages concurrent with the building of the Bagnell Dam and the forming of the lake. Morgan county officials and the Union Electric Company reached an agreement in July, 1933 for the payment of $2,500 to Union Electric Company by the county.

The formation of the Lake of the Ozarks changed the face of most of the country in that area. Old Linn Creek was inundated and the new town of Camdenton sprang up. Sunrise Beach and Laurie, that had heretofore been small settlements, became thriving towns. Gravois Mills took on a new life and was greatly expanded.

Versailles has been greatly benefited by the Lake of the Ozarks through tourist trade and the establishment of many new businesses due to the influx of tourists during the season from May 30 through and beyond Labor Day. Hundreds of cars and campers pour into the lake region from the east, west and north via Highways 5 and 52 through Versailles each year during the tourist season.

Rocky Mount Post Office window used until 1968

# MILITARY

A Tribute to
the
Men and Women of
Morgan County
Who Have Given Their Lives
in the Defense of Our Country

# THE WARS

There were no battles in Morgan County during the Civil War, but there were numerous skirmishes in and around Versailles, and the people were terrorized by marauding parties, who stole property, burned buildings and killed people.

George H. Dancer and James M. Drummonds were killed by bushwhackers when they were sent on a military mission a short distance from here. Henderson Marple was wounded but Aaron Ware and Newton Brown escaped. Joe Jolly and a man named Humphrey were executed at Mt. Carmel Church, according to Morgan County history.

John Rutherford and Hugh Peter Barger were also killed. Henry Chaney, who lived ten miles north of Versailles, was killed and his home burned. It is not definitely known how many men from Morgan County were in the Civil War. The adjutant General's report showed only between 200 and 300 in the volunteer service with some 600 enrolled in the militia. The Rebel army numbered about 100. There were two full companies of State Guards in Morgan County in 1861, commanded by Capt. Samuel Livingston and Capt. George Butler. Butler's lieutenants were James B. Salmon and J.S. Thruston. Livingston's first lieutenant was W.H. Goddard.

Company K, attached to the 43rd Enrolled Missouri Militia, a Morgan County company, was commanded by Capt. William A. Mills, whose lieutenants were John Gills and John H. Fisher. Company M attached to the same militia, was commanded by Capt. C.H. Brace whose lieutenants were Wm. H. Hartman and August Oehrke. Battalion Co. A, attached to this militia, was commanded by Capt. John Sims, who lieutenants were Wm. D. Morris and James H. Reed. General Lyons called out the Home Guard of Morgan County in May, 1867 to resist Price's State Guard.

The Morgan County Mounted Volunteer militia, commanded by Capt. A.J. Hart, was organized to look after the returning rebels. After the war, the soldiers returned to their homes and resumed their places quietly.

It is not definitely known how many hundreds of Morgan County men were inducted into World War I. More than one thousance men registered for the draft. Seventeen Morgan County men lost their lives in this war. Most of the men were drafted in 1917.

Many Versailles people recall the days in 1918 when the soldiers returned home from Europe to resume their places in civilian life. Old-timers recall that the citizens of Versailles and Morgan County held a basket dinner for the servicemen on long tables on the north and west side of the courthouse square. According to the records, 150 gallons of coffee were prepared for the occasion under the direction of J.A. Dudley and was served by the Versailles Boy Scouts. A program was presented consisting of a band concert, choral music, by high school students, a solo by Miss Helen Etter, invocation by Rev. G.E. Barham and patriotic addresses by A.L. Ross, R.A. Norfleet, H.K. Welpman, W.W. Gillum, E.A. Crewson, Capt. T.M. Hunter and Rev. A.E. Burch.

Among those from Versailles who were in the draft were Clarence Merriott, Harry Moss, Orva Rumans, Beverly DeVinna, Raymond Head, Herschel Moore, Bert Morrison, Homer A. Taylor, Wade Foxworthy, Nathan E. Stringer, Willie Hilderbrand, Joseph Snorgrass, Homer L. Merriott, Roy F. Milburn and others.

When World War II broke out Dec. 7, 1941, those who had believed that World War I was the "War to end all wars" were sadly disillusioned. Again, many Morgan county men marched off to war on foreign soil, but the war was much different than that war in which their fathers had fought over twenty years before. Forty-seven Morgan county men gave their lives in the defense of their country in World War II, which ended in August, 1945. One Morgan County man was killed in the Vietnam war and three in the Korean conflict.

# THE MISSILES

Driving down a Morgan County highway or black-top road, you may see a chain-link and barbed-wire fence squaring off a big slab of concrete and a few oddly shaped metal objects. Behind that fence and beneath that concrete slab is an intercontinental ballistic missile, 58 feet long and capable of delivering a nuclear punch equal to one million tons of TNT on an enemy target, presumably one in the Soviet Union.

Missouri is one of six areas in the United States that is bristling with nuclear armaments, where missile silos are mingled inconspicuously with grain silos. Once they are sent off the silos can not be reloaded.

One-hundred fifty Minuteman II missiles, in underground tubes, are scattered over a 16,000 square-mile area in the west central part of the state.

From the Whiteman Air Force Base in 1962 came strange huge articles on trucks moving down the Highway and blacktop roads, it was the beginning of installing 10 missiles in Morgan County. One could see from the locked gates huge piles of dirt upearthed in the pastures or newly sown fields, or maybe a farm house being moved, as the missles had to be a

certain distance from a home. The location of the 10 missles in Morgan County are:

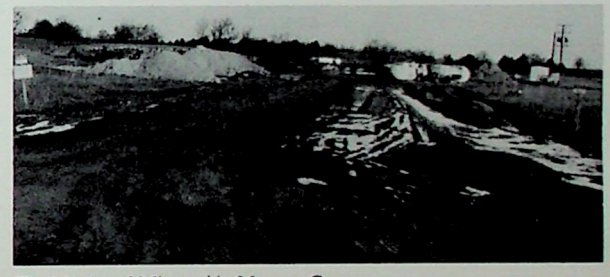
D-5 East of Versailles and east of Hwy -52
D-6 Northeast of Versailles on Hwy -5
D-8 West of Versailles on Hwy -52
D-9 West of Stover on Hwy -52
D-7 South of Fortuna on Hwy -5
D-11 South of Syracuse on Route -D
D-10 South of Florence on Hwy -135
E-3 South of Florence on Hwy -135
E-2 Northwest of Florence on Route D D
C-7 Southwest of Syracuse on Hwy -50.

There's 150 launch silos in Missouri and 10 of them in Morgan County. 15 launch control centers, but none in Morgan County.

The locations of the silos are not kept secret because, the Russians already know where most of the installations are. Only the missiles targets are kept top secret, known only to the uppermost reaches of the Military echelon.

Missouri's missiles — part of the 1,000-missile National arsenal of Minutemen — were installed in silos beginning in 1962, some say as a reaction to Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1961.

Down a 60-foot elevator shaft and behind an eight-ton blast door, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, two men from the 351st Strategic Missile Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base (near Sedalia) keep watch over the 10 missiles in their unit. They man one of the 15 launch control centers (LCCs), in West-Central Missouri that have ultimate responsibility of getting the missiles off the ground upon orders originating with the President of the United States.



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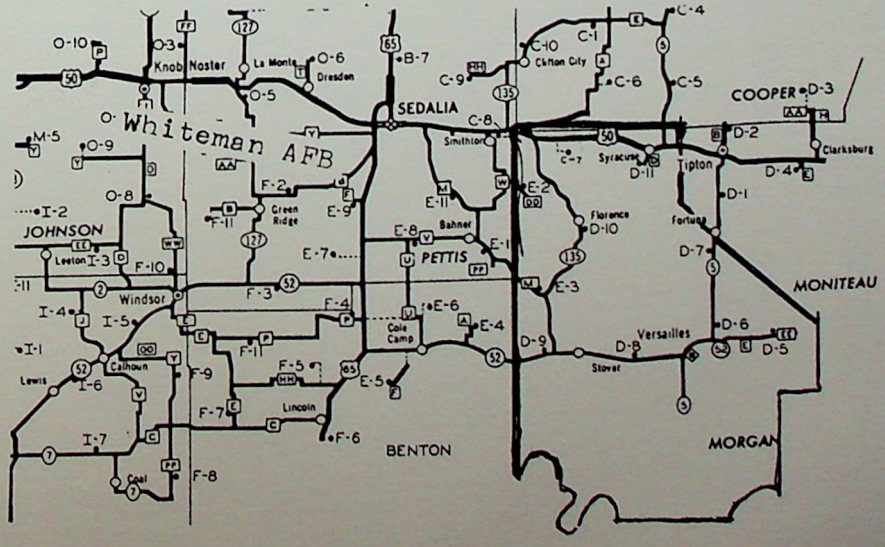


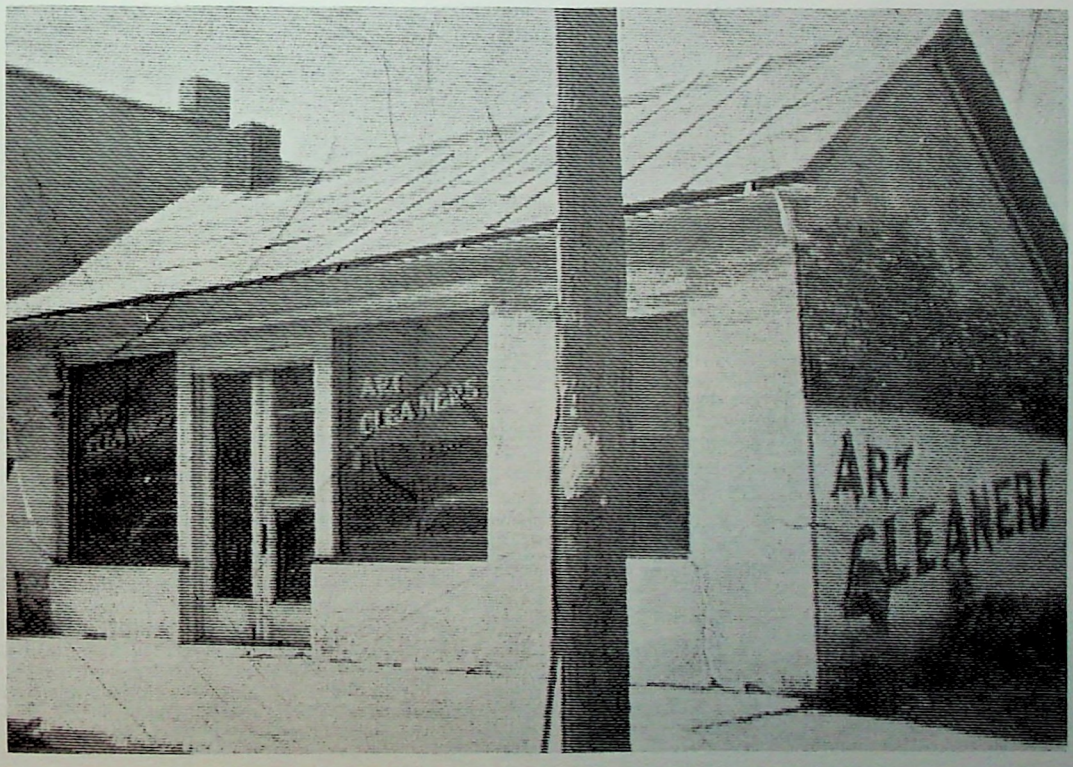

Map of the Missles in Morgan Co.

Walnut Grove School, no longer exists

Bush Hotel, south side of courthouse square, dating 1848

ersailles, Mo.

# FOLKLORE




## EARLY BUILDING IN VERSAILLES

Hugh Galbraith erected one of the first buildings in Versailles, a small brick structure, which for many years stood on the site of the B-K Cleaners on North Monroe Street, one block north of the square. Galbraith was also the first postmaster in Versailles.

# FOLKLORE

## HOW SCOUNDREL BECAME MAYOR

There was this Scoundrel in an old time Osage River Town who went about swindling money and stealing, especially from widows. This became such a problem that the matter was taken to a town meeting and presented to the Mayor. An appointed committee discussed the situation which resulted in Scoundrel's arrest and trial. A guilty verdict followed. The Judge, not believing in hanging, sentenced Scoundrel to be drowned in the Osage River. The Sheriff and two Deputies were directed to carry out the sentence. Scoundrel, not being a large man, was tied and sacked. He was brought to the River's Bridge by his appointed dispensers. Just as they stepped upon the Bridge the noon bell rang. "Time to eat!", announced the Sheriff. "Just let Scoundrel here for now. He can't get away!". So off they went, postponing their task. A little bit later the town fool came over the Bridge. Scoundrel could distinguish him through the holes in the sack. He began his lay. "I want her! I want her! You can't have her!"

"Who?" asked the fool.

"The beautiful girl who is at the bottom of the River. They are going to throw me into her arms! You can't have her! I want her!"

"I want her, too!", said the fool.

"But you'd have to get in the sack and you can't do that!"

"Yes, I can! I'll untie you!".

So the procedure began. Released, Scoundrel helped the fool into the sack and hurried away. The Law came back to hear a voice crying in the sack. "I want her!' "I want her!" They replied saying "You can have her!". So hefting together threw the potent sack off the Bridge and out of sight. The deed was done.

A few years later Scoundrel reappeared in the town which shook up the citizenry. It was certain he was a ghost. "Oh, no!", he said. "At the bottom of the River a beautiful maiden received me and showed me into a hidden cave full of gold and jewels. I have only just now returned from this far away land with gold in abundance!" With these words he displayed his wealth. The population and the Mayor were all ears. "Is there more there?"

"Oh, yes!", answered Scoundrel. It is there for the taking!".

Many of the townspeople began running toward the Bridge. Yet the Mayor outstripped them all. As he leaped off the Bridge he yelled, "I want her! I want her!"

Thus Scoundrel became Mayor of the town and resumed his fleecing ways.

This story was told to my mother about the turn of the century. It could have been brought from the Rhineland and adapted to the Osage River. I have never heard anyone else tell this story.*Elizabeth Riffle Andrews*

## LAST INDIAN ON BOGUE

Separating Indian Creek and Bogue Branch is a high hill overlooking the Lake of the Ozarks. (Gravois Arm). On the promontory is buried an Osage Indian Chief, prompting the name Indian Creek. It has been so long since the Chief's name has been recalled that the knowledge is lost forever.

Along the rowdy Bogue Branch which rushed into the Big Gravois Creek lived an old prospector and squatter by the name of Farr. Being Irish he probably came into this County around the time of the Civil War. The last Indian was reported in 1835 but this incident happened some years after.

One day a very old, ill and dying Indian man appeared in this settler's doorway. When he collapsed, Farr brought him inside and attempted to assist the Indian. Somewhat reviving, the Indian refused treatment and care which made the task of caring for him impossible. He had come back to Bogue to die and be near his Chief. As the vision of Death approached be begged Farr to fulfil his request to be buried on top the hill, near the Chief. Undecided as to whether he could grant the Indian's petition Farr tried to explain that cemeteries were for burying the dead. The old Indian died, still insisting.

Now Grandfather Farr owned a white horse which he had corralled close by. As this old Indian's breath began leaving his body the white horse suddenly began pawing the ground and neighing loudly. Tail high he jumped the fence and ran wildly to the top of the hill. Near the Chief's grave he reared upon hind legs and with head held high gave out a series of shrill whinnies. Then, as if with a chore completed, the white horse lowered his forelegs, bowed his head and came meekly back down the hill. The old Indian laid quietly, asleep at last. Somewhere along Bogue Branch his body rests.

Told by Cora Farr Cornett. The Farr in the story is her grandfather. *Elizabeth Riffle Andrews*

## LYNCHING AT ROCKY MOUNT

Peter Sidebottom lived on Lick Branch. He had just turned thirteen years old. His father sent him down to the Osage River bottom to look for a cow that had strayed away during the night. She was an expectant mother. Peter walked up the river and down, but no cow to be found. There were some haystacks across the field. He thought perhaps the cow might be lying down behind one of them. He walked over to take a look, but still no sign of the cow. On his way back across the field he met up with a group of men. They asked him what he was doing in the field. Peter explained how the cow had strayed off during the night and he was looking for her.

One of the men asked him what was in the haystacks. "Nothing that I know of," Peter replied. Then one of the men pulled out his gun and said, "We are going over there and find out." Cursing him, they reached the haystacks. One of them said, "Get busy tearing them down." Peter asked what they were looking for. One of the men said, "Never mind asking questions, just keep working." Peter was already tired before the men came along. There was no fork to work with, so he just used his hands to pull the hay from the stack. He tugged at the hay till he was almost exhausted. He had the stack halfway to the ground. Finally one of them said, "I don't think there is anything in that stack. Come on fellows. We are wasting time here with this kid."

Peter took a good look at every one of them so if he ever came in contact with any one of them, he would recognize his face. As he grew older and began going to parties from time to time, he learned their names and their whereabouts.

Six years had passed. The Civil War had been over some time and most of the soldiers had returned home. There seemed to be a lot of confusion spreading throughout the countryside. As the soldiers came home, to their surprise, they found the families had been robbed of their food, money, or anything of value. The soldiers were doing some investigating trying to pinpoint the ones responsible for the thievery. They had begun to question some of the home guards that were supposed to protect the homes while they were fighting. The ones they questioned denied any knowledge of the wrongdoings. Even so, the report of losses kept spreading to most all families where the men were away. It had become a foregone conclusion that the home guards were the bushwackers in many places. However, the home guards tried to cover up their wrongdoings in any way possible.

They heard of a soldier coming home some time after the war was over, but what they didn't know was he had taken a job on a farm for a while. His name was Preston Cooper. He just happened to be passing by where one of the home guards lived. He stopped for a drink of water. After he had gone on his way, the word spread he had been hiding out. The bushwhackers jumped at the chance to grab him and make an example of him.

Harold Eldenberg Home on Hiway # 135 — 110 yrs. old, built by Mr. Schick *(standing)*

A friend of Cooper's knew that Peter Sidebottom was a distant relative of Preston. He went to notify Peter that they had arrested Cooper and were accusing him of having part in the thievery that went on during the war. "They are going to hang him at Rocky Mount at the little store tomorrow afternoon." "I'll be there," Peter said. "I'll go the first thing in the morning. I know Cooper is an innocent man. You just rest here for the night, if you care to. I know my wife will be looking for me home. She is pretty nervous after hearing about Cooper being arrested."

The next morning bright and early Peter rounded up his chores, had an early breakfast, and was ready to go to Rocky Mount about seven miles north of Lick Branch. He reached up over the door for his long rifle that he always kept loaded and said to his wife, Rachel, "I am going after Preston Cooper. I might not be coming back." He climbed up on his horse and rode off towards Rocky Mount. It was a good thing he went early because they intended to hang Cooper at ten o'clock. Everyone was gathering around the store. He climbed down from his horse, stepped forward a few feet, and demanded to talk to the leader of the gang. One man pointed to a rather large man standing on the store porch. "You standing there, come here!" Peter yelled at the man.

The fellow hesitated for a moment then said, "What do you want?" By this time Peter was growing angry. He said, "I'll stomp the living daylights out of any man here that lays a hand on Cooper." The tall man asked one of the men who this man was. Peter didn't wait for anyone to answer. "I'm the boy that tore down the haystack a few years ago for some of you thieves that were going around robbing widows and orphans during the war. That's who I am."

Just at that very moment a man came out of the store and said, "Why don't we get on with the hanging?" Peter jerked out his pocket knife and walked to a nearby tree where Cooper was tied and cut him loose. One man started to interfere. Peter raised his rifle and said, "I'll kill the first man that lays a hand on him. Some of you might get me, but I'll take someone with me. "He told Cooper to get on the horse, then Peter pointed his finger at the gang and said, "You, you, and you, I know most of you and I want this to be the last attempted lynching to cover up your thievery. If I ever hear of another, I'll hunt you down one at a time." It was the last one in Morgan County. *By Winford Sydebotham Rocky Mount, Missouri*

Uncle Warren B. Todd House, north of Versailles, 1833

A. Heineman House, 1904, Versailles *(standing)*

Neal Baumgartner House — over 100 yrs. old. Slave house in back. *(both standing)*

# Ratcliff Rock House

Story of Grandpa Jesse Ratcliff — who built the Rock House.
By his grand daughter — Stella Ratcliff Milburn.

In 1843 Jesse Ratcliff, age 32, with his wife Lydia, and three children came from Hickory County, Ohio, to Missouri in a covered wagon pulled with oxen. In May 1854 he purchased 120 acres of land from the land Office in Fayette. In December of the same year an additional 120 acres was acquired. Soon afterward more land was purchased which was the farm where the Ratcliff Rock House now stands.

A two room log house was first built with a hugh fireplace that could be used from either side, and the plans were to build a large house, connected to the other side of the fireplace. Before the lumber was sawed for the house, the Civil War broke out and many of the homes in Missouri were burned by the rebels. They also searched the houses for money. As there was no place for the people to keep what little money they possessed, they had to think of some place to hide the money to keep the rebels from finding it. —— In one instance, Grandpa Jesse Ratcliff was stood out on the door step with a man (rebel) on each side of him, saying to him, "Don't move or I'll shoot". Grandma was left in the house with a small baby, and she saved their money by putting their pocket book inside the baby's diaper.

So Grandpa decided he would build a stone house that would not burn, and so the stone house was started. All the stone was quarried on the farm about ¼ mile from the building site. All the wood, except doors and windows, was cut on the farm and sawed at the saw mill, run with water power down at the creek on the Ratcliff Farm.

They had a kiln to hoat the lime stone for mortor to hold the big stones together. Two kinds of stones were used in the house. There was a full basement, and above this were two stories, with six rooms, 2 halls, and an attic, and a porch which was later made into a summer kitchen. All original rooms were plastered except the down stairs hall, which is made of rock like the outside walls. The floors were of oak boards and the ceiling of the same. Fireplaces were built in three large rooms on the first floor. The basement walls are three feet thick and the stones are laid flat. The first floor walls are two feet thick. The question has often been asked — How did they lift the big stones up that high? They built a log boom, and pulled the stones up with a horse or mule. They carried all the water they used up a steep hill from a spring. They were three years or more building the house as the building construction was halted at times to do necessary farm work.

During the time they were building the stone house, Grandpa Jesse and his son William (Stella's father) operated a grist mill on the Ratcliff farm, using Burr Stone and water power from the creek on the farm. They ground mostly corn meal — for themselves and all the neighbors. Cornbread was their main bread, and they also made big pots of mush for supper, making it in an iron kettle hung over the fireplace coals.

A little log house was built down by the spring for the purpose of keeping their milk and butter, in the cool spring water constantly running through — which kept the milk, butter and other food so good. It was quite a task before and after each meal to carry the food to and from the spring house, up and down the hill.

The exact date is not known just when the house was started, but it is believed Grandpa Jesse Ratcliff started the house during the Civil War — between 1861 and 1865.

Grandpa Jesse and wife had a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters. One son William was the father of Stella Ratcliff Milburn of Eldon, Mo. and grandfather of Nelson Milburn and Hazel Helmrich of Versailles. Another son Jesse was the grandfather of Mary Allen of Barnett, Mo. and the late Edra Ratcliff. Edra Ratcliff was the last one of the Ratcliff Family to live in the Rock House. She lived here alone for many years. She was a member of the Morgan County Historical Society, and once gave the history of this old house at one of the meetings.

Several members of the family are buried on the Ratcliff farm in the little old Ratcliff Family Cemetery just northeast of the Old Rock House.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wooley purchased and restored the Ratcliff House and are in the process of getting it on the National Register of Historic Houses.

This house is in the Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue by the State Historical Society of Missouri 1963.

Old Newman Home, east of Glensted

Ratcliff Rock House

# McDOW ROCK HOUSE

This house was built by Hiram Madole before the Civil War. He came to Missouri about 1833-35 with others of his family.

Hiram got a land grant to the land where he built his home. I have been told that he owned several hundred acres. He was the first postmaster of the Barnett community with the post office in the Rock House.

The walls of the house are entirely of rock. Quarried and hewn or chiseled by hand from a place near the back of the house. The rocks are mostly one foot square and vary from one foot cubes to three, four, and six feet in length (whatever was required). I noticed some that were six inches wide near windows and such places.

It is a marvel to see how the rock fits together with a minimum of plaster between them. The plaster was mixed by hand of clay and sand.

The house is 40 feet long and 20 feet wide. There are four rooms and two halls. The rooms measure; living room, 18x18 feet; bedroom, 13x17 feet; halls, 6x18 feet.

The inside rock walls were covered first with a rough plaster and when it dried it was covered with a finer plaster. I noticed that the plaster (upstairs) was about an inch thick. The upstairs rooms have not been remodeled and have the original plaster visible.

Each room has its own fireplace, separately vented (for a good draft so there would be no drawing problems), the mantle and decorations were of walnut and sparce and were black with age.

The stairs have a hand hewn newel post and spindles. The upstairs has original floors that are hand hewn or sawed oak boards nailed with square nails.

There is one front door into the hall, and a back door in each room. The rooms upstairs have only two windows, one front and one in back. The windows are set back in the walls about one foot.

The rooms downstairs have only one window opposite the back.

The west room and hall have the original porch with rock floor which someone has cemented.

The ceilings are two inch tongue and grove boards. The roof was originally oak shakes but is now covered with tin.

McDow Rock House

# MARTIN HOTEL LANDMARK

One of the oldest structures in Versailles is the Martin Hotel Building, located one block north of the courthouse square, on North Monroe street. The frame half of the building to the north, was built in 1877 and the brick building adjoining it to the south was built in about 1887.

Samuel and Elizabeth Martin, who established the Martin Hotel, came to Versailles from Patrick County, Va. in the fall of 1853. Traveling by covered wagon with four children and three of Mr. Martin's brothers, they were forced to stop in St. Charles, Mo. and bury one of the Martin men, who died.

When the Martins arrived in Versailles they saw a town with only three or four houses and streets grown up with weeds. They met a woman the second day they were there, who had been operating a small boarding and rooming house from whom they rented the business for $100 rent per year. At the end of the year the business had grown and Samuel Martin bought the place for $300. It was a log building located on the site of the present brick hotel building.

During the Civil War the Martins fed many soldiers, many of whom left IOU's for the fee of $1.00 per day. The record of the debts remain on the old hotel registers now in the library of the Morgan County Historical Museum, formerly the Martin Hotel. The Historical Society purchased the Martin property in 1967 and, after the building was restored, it was opened as a museum on June 1, 1968.

Samuel Martin died in 1906 and his widow and her daughters, Miss Lucy and Miss Sally Martin, assisted by a good friend of the family, Miss Jessie Cole, operated the hotel for many years. Mrs. Martin died in 1930 at the age of 102 years. Miss Lucy Martin was the last member of the family to operate the hotel.

For many years the hotel was operated without electricity and with wood — burning stoves for heat. Meals prepared in a large kitchen were served the guests of the hotel at 25¢ each. A bed also rented for 25¢ per night.

Foster Y. Brown, a grandson of Elizabeth Martin, the last to operate the Martin Hotel, sold the building to the Morgan County Historical Society.

A.L. Ross, Bob Stevens, Mrs. Guido Hargett, Will L. Stevens, in Bank of Versailles.

# MORGAN COUNTY FAMILIES

Wash Day — early 1900's

## ELIZABETH JANE DAVIS ADAIR

Elizabeth Jane Davis Adair

Mrs. Adair was married to Trusten Adair in 1835. Their children were Phillip Davis Adair, who married Mary Jane Tipton; Mary Ann who married Stephen Fisher; Stephen T. who married Sue King; Thomas B.; (never married); Louise Jalie (never married); and Martha Ann, who married Rev. Ben Stone.

## PHILLIP DAVIS ADAIR

A prominent family in the early history of Morgan County was Phillip Davis Adair and his wife, Mary Jane (Molly) Tipton Adair, who, following their marriage October 25, 1859, moved to a farm eight miles north of Versailles, located on the road between Glensted and Prairie View Church. Phillip was the son of Trusten and Elizabeth Jane Davis Adair, who lived six miles south of Boonville on the "Furnace Adair place".

Phillip Davis Adair, Mary Emma (Adair) Barnes, Mary Jane (Tipton) Adair, Mary Frances (Barnes) Otten

The Adair family is traced back to two brothers Furnace and Layton Adair, who came from Scotland, and lived on the Maryland shore. Furnace later settled in North Carolina, later moved to Tennessee, and from there to Green County, Kentucky, then to Howard County, Missouri, in 1819.

The Phillip Adair farm was on a large parcel of land, owned by Howard Payne of Howard County, that continued to what is now Hwy 5 near "the old Tipton place". It was largely covered in prairie grass, and prairie chickens thrived in the area. In the winter snow covered what fences existed and travel was by horses and sleigh.

Phillip Adair was a successful stockman and farmer and bought a home in Versailles on West Newton St. where the family moved in winter in order that their children could attend school. Mary Jane (Molly) was deeply religious and instilled her faith in their six children. Their daughters later attended Clarksburg College at Clarksburg, Missouri.

Children of the couple were Walter T. Adair who married Adelaide Gibbs of the Otterville area. Walter was associated with a St. Louis newspaper and later was in partnership with Will T. Petty, a native of Versailles, in the World Publishing Company in New York City. His wife died and was buried at Forrest Hills, Long Island, N.Y. After the sale of the business, Walter moved to Punta Gorda, Florida where he remarried and spent the remainder of his life.

Minnie and Addie were twins, Minnie Adair married John Brewer and resided on the family farm until her death. They had one son, Johnny, who married Bonnie Williams. Addie died at the age of 29 and was never married.

Julia Belle married Marvin B. Bruce of Audrain County and their children were Mary, Walter, and Jerome. Marvin was the owner of a livestock commission company in Wichita, Ks., where the family made their home.

Mary Emma and Henry, twins, were born Nov. 30, 1873. They grew to young adulthood on the family farm, riding horseback and hunting on the large "prairie" south of the home place, sleigh riding in winter and attending parties of friends and neighbors. The family were members of Freedom Baptist Church which they attended regularly. Emma attended Clarksburg College where she met her future husband James Ellis Barnes of Audrain County who attended Hooper Institute, also at Clarksburg. They were married Christmas Day at the bride's home in 1902 and went to Chickasha, Okla., to live, and where Mr. Barnes had homesteaded land with his brother Leonard Barnes. In 1921, they returned to Morgan County to care for Mrs. Barnes' mother, Mrs. Adair, in her old age. They were the parents of Mary Frances, and Paul Adair Barnes.

Mary Frances married Roy Elmer Otten of Versailles. Paul married Hazel Fern Jenkins and lived in Versailles where he owned the Barnes Jewelry Store and engaged in the real estate business. The couple now live in Sedalia.

Roy Elmer Otten and Mary Frances have one daughter Lynda Anne, who married Arthur Sherman Heimburger and lives in Nashville, Indiana. They have three children, James Barton, David Keith, and Frances Diane.

Paul Barnes and his wife Hazel have one daughter, Deon, who married Dale Maggard and who live in Sedalia, Mo. They are the parents of a daughter Kimberly.

Henry Adair married Mable (?) and lived in Sedalia and had two sons, Robin and Byron. After his wife's death he married Myrtle (?) and to this union was born Phillip, Richard, and William Adair. The family moved to Florida where William died, and Phillip and Richard live at West Palm Beach.

An early recollection in the family history was that after the Civil War, bushwackers rounded up several of the men in the neighborhood, and took their valuables, including their boots. They were very angry and threatened to shoot Phillip Adair because his boots were too small for any of them to wear. *by Frances Otten*

## SIMEON (SIM) AESCHBACHER

Simeon "Sim" Aeschbacher was born Dec. 30, 1866, the son of Ulerich and Barbara Lehman Aeschbacher. They arrived in the spring of 1866 in Missouri from Wayne County, Ohio from a small village of Kidron near Dalton. The family consisted of three brothers, Sim, Will and Dan. Their mother died in 1870.

Sim and Lydia Aeschbacher

A few years later Ulerich married Caroline Gerber. This family consisted of Martha, Joseph, Albert, Edward, Sarah, Lawrence and Aubrey.

Aeschbacher Farm

Sim's parents settled in Moniteau County on a farm one and one-half miles north of the Bethel Mennonite Church. Later the family moved to Morgan County about three and one-half miles south of Bethel Church or seven miles northeast of Versailles. Sim attended the Smith rural school and became a member of Bethel Mennonite Church and the church school. He was taught reading and writing of the German language.

On Jan. 4, 1894 Simeon Aeschbacher married Lydia Garber in a double wedding ceremony in which his brother, Dan and Emma Garber, sister of Lydia, were married. Lydia lived on the old Christian Garber farm one-fourth mile north of Prairie Valley School for three years. In 1897 they moved to the Will Callison farm on which Providence School had been built, the one acre of the northwest corner of the farm.

Sim and Lydia and their small daughter, Elma, moved into a new house which they built on the farm in 1897. The house was enlarged in 1913. Lydia's mother, Barbara C. Garber, lived with them for twenty-eight years before she died April 18, 1930.

Sim and Lydia's family consisted of Elma, born Aug. 18, 1896, Earl b. March 16, 1903, Bertha, b. Sept. 7, 1908, Herbert, b. Feb. 23, 1913 and Mancel, b. Sept. 29, 1917, d. Feb. 24, 1936.

Elma married Daniel J. Garber Oct. 21, 1928. He died Jan. 4, 1978. They have five children, Lydia, Erma, Clifford, Vernon and Laurel. Earl married Alice Baumgartner, Dec. 24, 1935. They have five children, Carolyn, Doris, Vincel, Barbara and Kenyon.

Bertha married Warren M. Lehman Sept. 16, 1934. They have five children, Donald, Vernola, JoAnn, Milton and Kenneth. Herbert married Ruth Lehman Dec. 3, 1939, they have two children, Myrna and Elaine.

Sim and Lydia lived on their farm their entire life. Their children lived on their own farms in the community. Warren M. and Bertha Lehman live on the home place.

Sim kept very good horses, usually eight, and some mules. He was a good horseman. His best team would pull as much or more than any of the neighbor's horses around.

Lydia was a very good cook and many relatives and friends from Ohio, Indiana and other states came and stayed with them while visiting in the community. They were noted for their good hospitality. *by Bertha Lehman*

## ULRICH AESCHBACHER

Ulrich and Barbara Aeschbacher came to Missouri in 1866, one of five Swiss Mennonite families that established Bethel church, about 11 miles Northeast of Versailles in 1867. They first lived on a farm a mile North of the church, but in 1887 Ulrich moved to a farm seven miles northeast of Versailles. Aeschbachers operated this farm until 1976 and members of the family have remained prominent in the county, especially in the Bethel community.

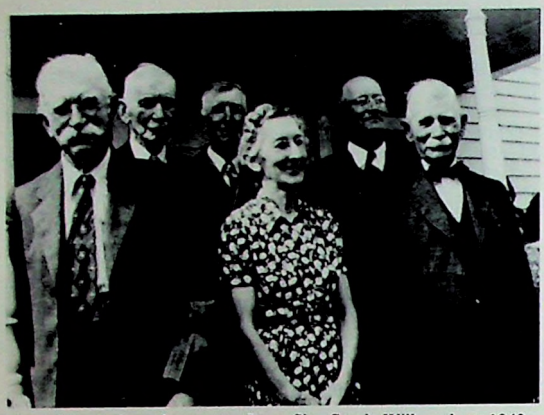
*Back row:* Edward, Lawrence, Aubrey and Joseph. *Front:* Martha, Caroline (mother) and Sarah 1912

Ulrich had been born in Switzerland and came to Warren county, Ohio with his parents about 1850. He and his wife moved to Missouri from Warren county, Ohio. They had three sons; Simeon, William and Daniel. Barbara died in 1870 and Ulrich married Caroline Garber, a cousin of his first wife. They had two daughters and four sons.

Simeon married Lydia Garber, and farmed near Providence school until his death in 1948. All of his children remained in the Bethel area. Elma married Daniel Garber and they lived just South of Bethel church until they retired to Versailles. One of their five children presently operates the farm. Earl married Alice Baumgartner and continues to farm with one of his five children working with him. Bertha married Warren Lehman and they operate the farm Sim started before 1900. They have five children. Herbert married Ruth Lehman. They farmed until 1978 when they moved to Laurie to be near one of their two daughters, Myrna Sherman and Elaine Ernst.

William married Kate Lehman, settled just west of Excelsior, and farmed until he retired to Versailles where he died in 1960. One daughter, Blanche (Mrs. Everett Callison) lives in Barnett. The other, Lorene (Mrs. Met. Hughes) lives in Versailles. Her children, Gail, lives in California, Mo. and Karen lives in Branson, Mo.

Daniel married Emma Garber, sister of his brother Sim's wife, in a double wedding in 1894. They farmed west of Bethel



*Rear:* Dan, Aubrey, Lawrence. *Front:* Sim, Sarah, Will — about 1940.

John Porter Akin and wife

church until he retired in Tipton and later Sedalia. He died in 1960. Their son, Herman, had six children.

Neither of the daughters of Ulrich and Caroline married. Both lived in the Bethel community. Martha died in 1936, Sarah in 1962. After a career in the ministry Joseph retired to Versailles in 1961 after having been gone for fifty years. Joseph died in 1972, his wife, Annie Driver, in 1968. They had two children, John, 1915-1961, and William of Cincinnati, Ohio. Edward farmed in Morgan county until 1922 when he moved to California. He married Edna Moser and they had two children, Carroll and Arline, both of California. Arline is married to Calvin Hilty of Morgan county.

Lawrence and Aubrey stayed on the home place after the death of Ulrich in 1898 and Caroline in 1913. They operated as a partnership, Aeschbacher brothers, until Lawrence retired to Versailles. Both currently live in Versailles. Lawrence married Susan Badertscher. Their younger daughter, Lois, lives in Hammond, Indiana. Her daughter Patricia (Mrs. Jerry Graber) lives in Versailles. The other daughter, Susanna, married Raymond Garber. They live in Versailles as do their children, Sue, (Mrs. Larry Akin), and Gary.

Aubrey operated the home farm until 1976. He married Elizabeth Garber and they had two daughters. Mary Frances (Mrs. Glen Schaffter) lives in Tipton. Her sister Eleanor (Mrs. Don Hoffstetter) lives in California, Missouri. *by W.D. Aeschbacher*

## JOHN PORTER AKIN

John Porter Akin, son of A.B. and Nancy Ellen Hodges Akin, was born and grew up on a farm near Akinsville, in northern Morgan County. He was eldest of six brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mary Jane Berkey, Robert, Thomas, Ora, Jesse and Mrs. Eulalia McFarland.

John Porter married Cynthia Adeline Moon, who lived on a farm in the Mt. Carmel Church neighborhood, south of Syracuse. John and Cynthia made their home on the old Moon homestead, where he farmed and raised livestock. They became active in church and community activities.

Five children were born to John Porter and Cynthia Akin: Maudie, Bernie, Clint, Bethel and Elbert.

Maudie married Eugene Nichols, of Tipton. Their children are Lloyd, Melvin, John, Marvin, Lewis, Mildred and Nadine. By a later marriage, Maudie had one son, Hugh Raymond Skinner.

Lloyd married Cynthia Baxter, of Fortuna. Melvin Nichols died while yet a young man. John married Helen Welcher of Iowa. Their children are Phyllis, Barbara and David. Phyllis Welcher married Larry Simpson. Their children are Larry Gene, Michael and twins, Lisa and Laurie. Barbara married Jerry Kuper. Their children are Todd, Brad and Steven. David married Deanne Jans. All of John and Helen Nichols' children live in Iowa.

Marvin Nichols married Ila Mae Parish. Their children are Linda, who married Kenneth Prowant; Deanna, who married Howard Hughes and has a daughter, Nicole; Ronnie; and Paula.

Lewis Nichols married Helen Lynn. Their children are Kenneth, who lives in Wisconsin; Jay, whose family lives in Tennessee; and Craig. Craig married Jan McNerney. They have a son, Matthew.

Mildred Nichols married Norman Offineer. Their children are Sharon, Sandra, Kathy and Kim. Sharon married Larry Reid; their children are Jeffery and Keri. Kathy married Wayne Catts; they have a daughter, Shelly. Kim married Darrell Cox.

Nadine Nichols married Elmo Kays. Their children are Beverly, Donald, Joseph, Becky, Cynthia, Hugh B. and William. Beverly married Bob Chastain of Lebanon, Mo. Their children are Bobbie Lee and Bryn Dean. Donald married Patsy Couts of Sedalia; they have a son, Justian. Becky married Lyle Sizer. Their children are Scott Lee, Nicole Lea and Erin Lynn. Hugh married Chere Sizer, of Stover. He is in the Air Force. William, still at home, is in high school at Versailles.

Hugh Skinner married a girl, Barbara, in New Jersey. They have four boys: Michael, Craig, John and Robert.

Bernie Akin married Cecil Bowen. Their children are Norman and Fritz. Norman married Kathryn Vogt. Their children are Larry, Kenneth and Vicky. Larry married Sue Garber. They have a daughter, Sue. Kenneth married Shiela Vestal. They have one son. Vicky is a school teacher. Fritz Akin married Faye Dunn. They have one daughter and one granddaughter.

Clint Akin married Gladys Madole. They have a daughter, Carol Jean, who married Woodson Moore, and has a daughter Cynthia Jane.

Bethel Akin married Paul Clodfelter. They live in Versailles.

Elbert Akin married Vivian Yarnell. Their children are Lowell and Brooks. Lowell married Darlene Conley. They have a son, Richard Scott. Brooks married Robert Schuster. Their children are Brenda and Shelia.

In later years, John Porter Akin moved to his parent's home near Akinsville, and lived there until his death in May, 1940. *by Maudie Akin Wallin*

## PORTER DAVIS AKIN

Porter Davis Akin, born Aug. 19, 1855, raised in Morgan County son of Rev. Shannon and Kiturah (Dismang) Akin. Family was four brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Akin

Porter Akin was a farmer and horse trader. He married three times and had three families of children. He married Missouri Ann Dill Nov. 22, 1874. Their children were John Will, and Bertha Gomora. John Will married Minnie Newkirk of Fortuna. Their children Clyde, Beulah. Bertha and another child died in infancy. Missouri Ann died Feb. 17, 1879.

On Feb. 8, 1880, Porter married Katherine R. Baughman. Children were Louella, Russell, David, Mary Lucendy and Grover Cleveland. Louella married Walter Moore. Children, Katie, Agnes, Mildred Dulcie and Opal.

Mary Lucindy married Willie Jones of Fortuna. Children, Harold, Earl, Porter, Catherine and Mary Lou.

Grover Cleveland married Flora Drake, of Fortuna. Children, Rachel and Richard.

John Will, Mary and Grover moved with their families to Montana and homesteaded during the Gold Rush. Mary, the only survivor is now 95. Katherine Baughman died July 5, 1888.

Porter married Oct. 4, 1888 Mary Emily Peoples Stone. Children, Maudie, died at 2 months, Grace Ann, Gertrude Truman, George Bryant, Gladys Thompson and Goldia Shannon.

Grace married Virgil Hall, Fortuna, children, Lola May, died at 1 week, Lauvera and Gwendolyn. Lauvera married J.L. Bagwill of Texas. Children, Patricia, Rose, Danny and Joe Eddie. Gwendolyn married Frank Miller, Tipton. Children, Bruce, Lynn and Ann.

Grace married Charley Fewell in 1938 who died in 1959.

Gertie married Dallas White of Glensted. Children, David, Dorothea and Reed. Reed died at age 3.

David married Louise Hunter. Children, Paul and Connie Goetze. Children, Missie and Mike. Paul married Susan Humphrey, children, Christy, Cindy, Ginger and David.

Dorothea married Joe Woods of Versailles. No children.

George married Omedia Starns of Glensted. Children, Norris, Bobby Dean, one stillborn.

Norris and June's children, David, Danny and Dayrl. They have one daughter, Deidre.

Bobby and Lois' children, Dale, Kevin and Jacquelyn. Gladys Thompson married Edward Brant of Tipton. Children, Betty Jean and Mary Magdalene. Betty Jean married Ted Knipp, Tipton. Children, Beverly Jean, Beth Ann and Mary Lynn. Mary Magdalene married William Anthony of Syracuse. Children, Kathy Rae, Kimberly Jo and Brant William.

Goldia Shannon married Charles Thoss of Fortuna. One daughter, Joan (Mrs. Dimiter Stoyanoff) One son, James Paul.

*By Goldia S. Thoss*

## REV. DAVID ALLEE

Rev. David Allee, a Revolutionary War veteran and a 19th Century Baptist preacher, was one of the earliest ministers in Morgan County.

Bereaved by the death of his wife, in 1823, and dwelling in a country sparsely inhabited, Rev. Allee traveled the trails leading from Moniteau to Cole, Callaway, Boone, Howard, Saline, Cooper and Morgan Counties preaching the gospel and teaching the Bible. His trails crossed the freshly made Indian paths of the roaming bands of Indian hunters. In an area that was sparsely settled he found it necessary to sleep out along the trail, usually under an oak tree, with his horse tied to the tips of the low branches.

Rev. David Allee of French and English descent, was born April 25, 1762 in Pittsylvania County, Richmond, Virginia. His parents were Nicholas and Ann Allee. He married Charity Bybee December 4, 1784. The Allees came to Missouri by way of Kentucky, a route typical of early mid-Missouri settlers. Rev. Allee was ordained as a Baptist Minister in Barren County, Kentucky in 1806 where the family lived until 1820, when they left for Missouri in covered wagons pulled by oxen and traveling the Boonslick Trail. Rev. Allee brought ten of his eleven children with him, all of his children were married except one son. The Allee family settled near California, Missouri, in an area covered with oak trees. The family consisting of Allees, Scotts, Birdsongs, Hills, Coles, and Howards settled on land joining each other and built log houses of identically the same size and type.

Rev. David Allee built the first school house in what is now Moniteau County in the summer of 1825. The school was built by Rev. Allee and taught by him for six years.

Rev. David Allee's grandson, James V. Allee married Ellen Williams and moved to Morgan County in 1856. James was appointed Jan. 1870 to serve on the building committee for the new Freedom Baptist Church. The Church was finished in 1874 and served the people North of Versailles until recent years. The Church building was badly damaged by a tornado July 11, 1978. The 104 year landmark was taken down in the fall of 1978.

James V. Allee was appointed, June 15, 1874, to serve on the building committee to plan the first building for the First Baptist Church of Versailles.

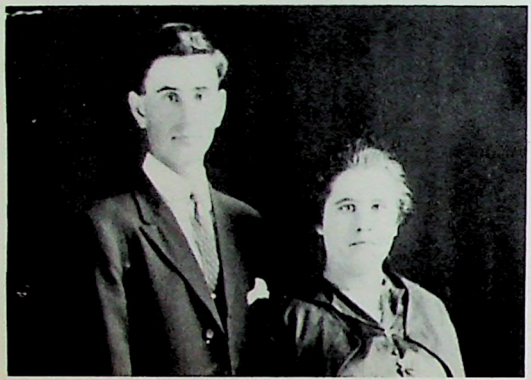
Tom Allee, grandson of Rev. David Allee, took grain from near California, Mo. to the James Mill located near the YMCA Camp. The trip to the mill took three days of lonely travel by wagons pulled by oxen. The prairie section Northeast of Versailles was sparsely settled and much of it was untilled and unfenced. The Prairie grass was very tall and thick making for a lonely trip across the prairie.

Many of Tom Allee's descendants have selected Morgan County to make their homes. Tom's son, Riley Allee and grandson Jess Allee made Morgan County their home. C.S. Allee another son of Tom Allee lived along the Northeast line of Morgan County as well his son Ray who lives in Versailles. Vincel Allee, Supt. of the Morgan County R-II is the son of Ray Allee.

Other Allee descendants in Morgan County are descendants of Tom and James V. Allee's brother Press Allee. *Vincel R. Allee*

## RILEY FRANKLIN ALLEE

Riley Franklin Allee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Allee, was born Sept. 15, 1865 near California, Mo. in Moniteau County. He was married to Alice Jane Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Henson on Sept. 18, 1887. Alice was born Nov. 23, 1868 near Latham, Mo.



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Allee

They spent their entire life in central Missouri, coming to Morgan County in 1903, where they lived on a farm east of Versailles for many years before moving to Versailles in 1935. Mr. Allee was in the blacksmith business for seventeen years in Versailles.

Riley Franklin Allee died Dec. 5, 1956, his wife died May 5, 1951.

Five children were born to Riley F. and Alice Jane Allee, Jesse, b. 1891, Minnie Allee Elley, b. Dec. 23, 1895, now at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles, Nela Greer, b. Mar. 8, 1898, of Sedalia, Thomas Wm. Allee, b. May 6, 1889, d. Aug. 6, 1931 and Rosie Ellen Hays, b. Nov. 4, 1893, d. Nov. 22, 1912.

Jesse Allee was married to Jessie Merle Price, daughter of John Thomas Price and Viola Estella Snorgrass Price, on Feb. 1, 1914.

Their children were Price Edward, b. Feb. 14, 1916, now of Raytown, Mo., Charles Allen, b. Nov. 12, 1918, d. May 12, 1974, Jesse Gene, b. Oct. 1, 1920, now of St. Clair, Mo., Viola Rachel Hixon, b. May 9, 1923, of Versailles, and Helen Marie Dillon, b. Sept. 18, 1928, now of Columbus, Ohio.

Jesse and Merle Allee have nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Jesse served as judge of the eastern district in the Morgan County Court for six years. He was elected Mayor of Versailles in 1957, which office he held until 1967.

## LORENZO DOWD AMICK

Lorenzo D. Amick's parents were Peter and Mary Amick of Randolph County, North Carolina. Peter and his brother John came from Holland around 1770. On November 22, 1808, Peter and Mary Smith were married in Guilford County, North Carolina.

Their family consisted of three sons, Lorenzo, Eli and Andrew. Lorenzo was married to Cynthia Burrow of Guilford County, North Carolina. They lived in North Carolina until 1842 when they moved to Missouri. They traveled by wagon with their three children, Lizzie, Barney and Mary. A brother

John Amick, dau. Verba, wife - Mary Gracy

Eli also came with them. They settled near Versailles, Missouri.

Sons of John and Mary
*L to r:* Walter, Robert.

Five of their children were born after they settled in their new home. These were Thomas, Sophia, Maggie, John and William. All of the family remained in Missouri except their son John, who moved to Marion County, Kansas. They lived in Morgan, Webster and Wright counties during this time.

Their son Barney was a member of the legislature in 1886 from Wright County. All of the children received such an education as the common day schools of that day afforded.

During the Civil War Lorenzo was shot by Bushwhackers in 1863, and died from his wounds. His son Barney joined Company L, First Missouri Cavalry and served for three years. After the war he was elected County and Circuit Clerk of Wright County. Son, John served in Company H of the First Missouri Cavalry.

Most of the Amicks were farmers and carpenters. A short history of the Hopewell Union Church near Versailles states that, "Lorenzo Amick and Jeremiah Ratcliff built a frame building in 1849 and this was used until 1876 when the present building was built." Mrs. H.B. Blacksten, 1967.

Lorenzo Dowd Amick died September 1, 1863, and is buried at the Hopewell Union Church Cemetery. His wife Cynthia died October 21, 1886, and is buried at the Newton School Cemetery at Odin, Missouri.

The gun that Lorenzo Amick carried at the time he was shot is located in the museum at the School of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri.

The pioneers of America were a great people. They were sturdy of body, broad in outlook, they dreamed a vision of a glorious future. They laid the foundation of a great and good government. We are their proud and grateful inheritors — we are also their responsible trustees. It is our obligation to pass on the traditions that have made our country great. *by Mrs. Helen Amick Gugler*

## BENJAMIN P. ANDERSON

Benjamin P. Anderson and his wife, LouElla (Billick) Anderson came to Versailles in 1902 from Oskaloosa, Iowa with four children, Ora, Ben, Marie, and William. Mr. Anderson had a fruit-tree nursery in the southwest corner of what is now 52 highway and T-Road. He, along with Seth and Bennett Bailey, set out the first Bailey Apple Orchard south of Versailles. Mr. Anderson began buying land in Buffalo Township, and built up the Anderson Ranch to 1500 acres.

The Gerhart Family
Marree, Willa Mae, Forest, Wayne and Clyde

Ora and his wife, Mary, had two daughters, Louie and Edna, born on the Ranch. They lived there for six years, then moved to California.

Anderson Family
*Front:* Benj. P., William, Sonella.
*Back:* Ben, Ora, Maree.

Ben went to Kansas City and became a lawyer. He left no heirs.

William (Bill) lived most of his life in Morgan County, was Justice of the Peace in Stover and was a barber both there and in Versailles. He was married to Berlyn Clark.

Marie married Arthur Forest Gerhart of Proctor, Mo., son of Eugene and Lillie (Estes) Gerhart and brother of Oscar and Elmer Gerhart. Forest and Marie made their home on the Ranch in 1910. Three children, Clyde, Wayne and Willa Mae were born there. Forest was a stockman, dealing in horses and mules, then later in cattle, sheep and hogs. At one time 1500 goats on the Ranch attacked the oak underbrush. At the death of Mr. Anderson, Forest became owner of the Ranch.

Clyde and his first wife, Bernice, had two children, Melvin serving twenty-three years in the Air Force, and Betty, afflicted with polio, yet she married and bore four sons. Clyde and his second wife, Margaret (Francis) Gerhart, lived on the Ranch and had four children born there, Forrest Gail, Warren and Karen (twins) and Rita. Only Karen remained in Morgan County, became the wife of L.M. (Sonny) Ernest, Jr., and mother of Deborah and Alan.

Wayne and his wife, Lillie Campbell, had two daughters, Patricia and Janet. He went to Clinton, Mo., and later married Virginia Rowland. He was a salesman for thirty-two years then retired to go into hog and cattle raising; later became interested in promoting Gasahol.

Willa Mae married Earl Webb of Warrensburg, a teacher and national president of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. They moved to St. Louis County, but owned the 'Blake Talbott' farm near Stover, and a summer home on the Lake of the Ozarks. They both became photographers of schools throughout Missouri. Their three children were Earl, Jr., who rose to Captain in the Air Force, Michael, who went into banking, and Vicki, who married Dan Svedarsky, both teachers in Crookston, Minn, she, home economics and he, ecology in the University.

Forest Gerhart and his son, Clyde, operated their ranch until 1959. Forest sold it to Kenneth and Dorothy Wirtz of Iowa, the land having belonged to the Anderson-Gerhart family for fifty-six years. Mr. Wirtz re-named it "Wagon-Wheel Ranch." It changed ownership three more times, when in 1975, Paul and Robert Hatfield of Evansville, Ind., purchased 500 of the 1500 acres along Highway 135. They developed it into a fine, scenic saddle-horse ranch under the management of Carol Greenwell and his wife, Marge, and their six children.

The former Anderson-Gerhart Ranch has become quite a showplace and now, as the Hatfield-Hatfield Saddle-horse Ranch, is a valuable asset to Morgan County. *by Mrs. Forest Gerhart*

## CALVIN LEE ANDERSON

Calvin Lee Anderson was born July 3, 1875 in the Buck Creek area of south Morgan County. Parents were William Henry and Nancy Anderson.

Ellen Anderson

Lee Anderson

William was born in Kentucky in 1824, migrated to Arkansas, married and by 1861 the family included five children; Sarah, Walter C., Martha Elizabeth, Jesse W. and Mary C.

William served in the union army and participated in the battle of Pea Ridge. In this battle, reportedly, his uniform was pierced by several bullets but he was not wounded. Some time during the civil war period his wife died. After his discharge at Fort Smith, Ark. he moved his family to Morgan County.

Shortly after arriving in Morgan County William married Nancy (Kelsey) Stevens, a widow with a small daughter, Mary Jane. Nancy's first husband, a Union soldier, (Missouri Militia) was killed by bushwhackers during the war. To William and Nancy were born seven children: William L., Margaret, Luellen, James Franklin, Calvin Lee, Elmetta and Bell.

Calvin Lee, known as Lee migrated to Rocky Ford, Colo. where he worked for several years with sugar beet farming and sugar manufacturing.

Returning to Morgan County during World War I, he started farming in the Gravois bottom near Gladstone. On April 13, 1919 he was married to Ellen Mansfield of Damsel, Camden County, (Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital is now located on the old Mansfield home farm.) March 1, 1920 they moved to the Barney Foley farm in Buck Creek valley, (now under the lake). It was here their two sons were born: Evert Lee Feb. 11, 1920 and Roy Pearl Nov. 9, 1922.

Early in 1924 Lee and Ellen bought and moved to a small farm about two miles up-stream on the Buck Creek. This farm was not disturbed by the filling of the lake in 1931. They continued farming in this location until retiring in 1953.

Evert Lee, known as Everet, served four years in the army during World War-2, three of these in the European Theater of Operation with the Second Armoured Division.

Following the war Evert returned to the Laurie area of Morgan County. On May 14, 1948 he was married to Della Elizabeth Hill also of the Laurie area. He has been engaged in the real estate and building business.

Four children were born: Clinton, Roger, Linda and Douglas.

Clinton joined the Air Force after graduating from Missouri Valley College. He married Janet Richards of Gering, Nebr. Nov. 10, 1974. They have two daughters, Vici and Ellen, and are presently stationed in the Azores Islands.

Roger graduated from School of the Ozarks college and attended graduate school at S.M.S.U. Springfield, Mo. He is presently living in Laurie.

Linda married Michael Lading Dec. 10, 1971. Mike is in the Army and they have lived various places around the world. They will be stationed in Augusta, Ga. in Oct. 78. They have one daughter, Aprel, born July 2, 1974.

Douglas lives in Laurie and is working at the building trade.

Roy Pearl Anderson, known as Roy, after serving in the Air Force during the war, returned to the Laurie area and entered the building trade. He was married to Ilene Hill (sister of Della) on May 8, 1948. They have two sons: Jimmy, born Feb. 20, 1949 and Stephen, born March 20, 1951.

Jim was married Aug. 25, 1974 to Teresa Wilcox of Versailles. They have one son, Nichlos, born Feb. 9, 1978.

Stephen is engaged in the excavating business and lives in Laurie.

Lee Anderson died at their home in Laurie Aug. 2, 1958, Ellen on April 8, 1968. Burial was in the Conway Cemetery in Osage Beach. *by Evert Lee Anderson*

## PHIL H. ANTWEILER

Phil H. Antweiler was born in Cole County, Mo., son of Christopher and Margaret Ross Antweiler. His parents died when he was an infant and he was reared in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Damph in Versailles. He attended the Versailles school and Hooper Institute at Clarksburg, Mo.

He was married to Lottie Johnson of Versailles. They were the parents of a daughter, Camille, born in 1903. She died Nov. 18, 1964 at age 61. She is buried in Rose Hill Mausoleum in Tulsa, Okla.

Antweiler was vice president and director of the First National Bank of Versailles for many years. He also served as

Phil Antweiler — In front of home on Washington St.

treasurer of Morgan County. He was in the lumber business with W.A. Dromgold for several years when the lumber yard was located on West Jasper Street, one block southwest of the square. The partnership was dissolved and Antweiler went into his own lumber business on North Monroe Street. Upon his death Mar. 24, 1944, Edgar Carpenter and Elmer W. Guenther bought his lumber business from the Antweiler estate.

Camille, at Stephens College, 1922

Camille married Gene Heins and they lived in Tulsa, Okla., where he was owner of the Hertz Rent-a-Car Agency from 1946 to 1959. They had no children. He died in Nov., 1965 at Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Mrs. Antweiler went to live with her daughter after the death of her husband. She fell and broke a hip, which led to her death in 1951. Mr. and Mrs. Antweiler are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Camille was graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. in 1923 and attended the University of Missouri.

Many people remember when the Antweiler's lived on West Washington street, two blocks southwest of the square in the large two-story brick home now owned by Dr. and Mrs. J.L.

Washburn. They allowed their beautiful spacious lawn to be used for children's activities, under the direction of youth leaders that came to Versailles with the chatauquas that were presented in large tents nearby (present site of the Versailles Postoffice.

## REUBEN ARD

Elizabeth Ard, born in 1841, at Proctor, Mo. is believed to be a granddaughter of Reuben and Elizabeth Ard, who are buried in a little family cemetery on Little Buffalo Road south of Stover, Mo.

Joe Mefford Dray Horses

Elizabeth married George Ivey, who preceded her in death. She remained at the farm near Ivey Bend south of Stover. The artesian well or spring located on this farm was well-known for its extremely cold temperature the year around. Elizabeth died in 1919 and was buried at Proctor but was later removed to the Versailles Cemetery just before the waters of the Lake of the Ozarks covered Proctor. They had two children, Virginia (Virgie) and Mary.

U.S. Mail horse and buggy
Stephen, Mary Drysdale and Howard Austin

Virgie married Joseph C. Mefford, son of Harrison M. Mefford, who also had another son, Harry Mefford. Joe operated a dray wagon in Versailles and was also well-known for his articulate knowledge of timber and lumber products. Virgie was a practical nurse for Drs. Well, Bowline and Kelly. She periodically assisted them and Mrs. Jennie Bailey, nurse, with operations. She kept convalescents at her home located on West Jackson street near the Versailles High School, now the Junior High School. They had two daughters, Fern and Gussie.

Fern, who died in 1970, married Claude Miller, who resides in Versailles. They had four children.

Gussie married Robert Sheets and lived in Kansas City until his death. She returned to Versailles and later married George Clodfelter, then owner of Clodfelter Jewelers. They retired and live in the old Clodfelter home near the old elementary school at the end of South Fisher street. They remain active in social and civic affairs in Versailles.

Elizabeth Ivey farm house near Ivy Bend 1900
Joe, Virgie and Gussie Mefford

Mary married Stephen Holiday Drysdale, who came from Kentucky-Indiana area. His grandfather, James, sailed from Glasgow, Scotland in the early 1800's, a six-week's trip. They resided in and around Morgan County and Stephen was sheriff of Morgan County 1901 to 1904. He told of making arrests without carrying a gun. He was a U.S. mail carrier, delivering the mail by horse and buggy. His patrons along the route heated bricks for him to keep his feet warm. There were three children, Ruby, who died as a child, Leonard Ivey and Velma.

Leonard married Julia (Mabel) Williams, daughter of Truston Williams who also had a son, Alfred Williams. Leonard and Mabel both died in 1975. Alfred resides in Versailles, the last survivor of a family of nine. Leonard was a carpenter and later a farmer in Morgan County near Barnett, Mo. They had two children, Stephen and Marcella, both still living.

Velma married Roy Austin (brother of Mrs. Roy (Lois) Robinson of Versailles. Roy Austin retired as a railroader and preceded Velma in death. Velma, at age 87, lives with her son, Howard, in Indiana.

The Ard family reunion held each year in Kansas is promoted by Herschel Ard, age 89. He lives in Tennessee. *by Gussie Mefford Clodfelter*

## WILLIAM HENRY WHITE ARGENBRIGHT

William Henry White Argenbright and his wife, Josephine (Raiter) came to Morgan County in 1855 from Augusta County, Va. He was a farmer, stockman and beekeeper. Their children were: Benjamin E.; Martha; William; George; John; Estella; and Rosalpha.

William Henry White Argenbright Family

Benjamin Argenbright, the youngest son, married Minnie Rowland. They had three children: Alice May, Howard and

Paul. Alice May married Herbert Brunjes. They are the parents of five children; Martha Jo (1941-1943), Charles, Neva, William and Neidth. Charles married Linda Williams, and they have two children: Heidi and Valarie. Neva married Daniel Coester, of Mesa, Ariz. Neidth married Joseph Taylor, Jr., a member of the U.S. Navy. Paul Argenbright died in 1939. Howard Argenbright never married.

William Argenbright never married. His brother, George, born in 1876, died in 1879.

Martha Argenbright married Henry Browning. They had two children: Josephine and Henry. Josephine married David Friedly, and they have four children: John D., Jr.; Iola; Dorothy and Clarance. John D. and his wife, Eunice, have four daughters. Iola married Junior Mullins and has three children. Dorothy died young. Clarance married and has children. Henry Browning married Irene Willis; they had one son: Eugene. Eugene married Helen Friedly; they have three children and five grandchildren.

John Argenbright married Sally Ficken.

Estella Argenbright married R.P. Hunter. They were parents of five children: Lillian, Mildred, Keith, Henry Patton and Virginia. Lillian married Otto Kraxberger; they had four children: Elizabeth Ann, Robert, Billy and Mary Lou. Elizabeth married Phillip Clark and has three children. Robert was killed in the armed service.

Billy Kraxberger and his wife, Dorthy, have two daughters. Mary Lou and her husband have four sons.

Mildred Hunter never married. Henry Patton Hunter died while young. Keith Hunter and his wife, Georgia, have two children: Charles and Jane. Virginia Hunter married Roland Sager; they have three children.

Rosalpha Argenbright married Edward Knoop. They had two children: Russell and Mary Louise. Russell and his wife, Laura, had four children. Mary Louise Knoop married Milton Mathews. They had one daughter, Patsy, who married James Prathers, and has two daughters. *By Mrs. Herbert Brunjes*

## JACOB ARISMAN

Jacob and Malinda Arisman in 1837 owned a tract of land in Mill Creek Township of Morgan County, Mo.

He was born in Pennsylvania in 1795. Malinda was born in 1808 in Nelson County, Va. and died Oct. 10, 1885 and is buried in the Allison family cemetery in Morgan County, Mo.

Their daughter, Susan A. Arisman, born Oct. 7, 1824 in Virginia, died May 12, 1913. She was the wife of Lovett S. Allison, and resided five miles west of Fortuna, Mo.

Lucia Burton Allison, daughter of Lovett S. Allison, married Charles H. Chaney and their home was on the east side of the Missouri Pacific railroad one and one-half miles north of Glensted, Mo. Charles H. Chaney, son of Henry Chaney, was born in 1808 in Kentucky and died Sept. 23, 1863. His wife, Lucinda Allison Chaney, born 1815 in North Carolina, died Jan. 6, 1894. Both are buried in Freedom Baptist Church Cemetery near Glensted.

In 1852 Henry Chaney had moved to Morgan County and in 1859 owned 960 acres of land on which he paid $26.00.

Charles H. Chaney and Lucia Burton Allison Chaney were married Feb. 15, 1877. He was born in 1855 and died Sept. 11, 1937. She was born in 1857 and died in 1924. Both are buried in the Glensted Cemetery.

Their children were Frances, who married Joseph Bolt (their children Roy, Tom and Auburn); Neva, born 1887, married Alvor Butterfield and lived in Brooklyn, Ind.; Mrs. W. F. Wiley, Mobile Ala.; Alta, Mrs. M.B. Wilson, died July 1948 at Lewiston, Idaho; Mrs. Dan Janson, Sacramento, Calif.; H.R. Chaney, Tipton, Mo.; Henry Chaney married Rosie Shoemaker and resided on the old Chaney home place. They attended Glensted Methodist Church and she was leader of the Glensted 4-H Club. Rosie Chaney died in 1961, buried at Glensted. Fleetie Chaney married George F. Dickens, Mayoworth, Wyo. in June, 1902. Louisa Ann married George W. White. They are buried in Glensted Cemetery. Their sons were Leroy and Floyd White. Their daughter, Geneva White, married Herbert W. Twyman and resided in Jefferson City, Mo. where Geneva died Aug. 27, 1974, leaving three daughters and four sons. *by Eileen Yarnell*

## THOMAS ARNOLD

Thomas Arnold was a tailor in London, England, when he met Mary Ann Sulvaine, a tailoress from County Cork, Ireland. They were married Dec. 16, 1857 at Burrow Market Church in London. After the birth of their first child they emigrated to America. Eventually they settled in Morgan County, Mo. where they purchased a farm near Syracuse.

Thomas Arnold 1893

Mrs. Thomas Arnold 1893

Thomas and Mary Ann were the parents of eight children namely: Thomas, Rose, Ella, John, William, George, Lynne and Charlotte. Thomas, the father, set up a tailor shop in Sedalia. John, William and George worked in their father's tailor shop, and all commuted daily from Syracuse to Sedalia on the train.

The son, Thomas, went to Arkansas, married and raised a family.

Rose married a conductor on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, moved to Colorado, then to California.

William was fatally stabbed with his own tailor's scissors in a scuffle on the station platform at Syracuse.

Charlotte, the youngest child, married Thomas Tilden May 18, 1886. They were parents of six children-(see Nathaniel Tilden history)

John, Lynne and Ella never married. After their parents died in 1894, the farm was sold and they moved to Sedalia where they lived the rest of their lives.

George and John bought a farm west of Sedalia where they raised fine-blooded stock until they retired. Late in life George married a widow from St. Louis. *by Josephine (Huff) Tilden*

## WILLIAM ROBERT ARNOLD

William Robert Arnold was born June 6, 1880 at Willow Springs, Mo., one of six sons of Henry and Martha Dixon Arnold.

The family moved to a farm near Bagnell, Mo. when he was a young boy. His parents are buried there.

He moved to Versailles and worked for the Rock Island Railroad.

In 1911 he was married to Clara Bertha Starks, who was a telephone operator in Versailles.

William Robert Arnold worked at the W.S. Dickey Brick Manufacturing Company in Versailles for many years and at the Tweedie Footwear Corp. factory.

His two sons, William David, and Edward Luther, were born at Versailles and graduated from Versailles High School. William David worked for Tweedie Footwear Corp. and Kroger Grocery Store before becoming a law officer in Morgan County. He retired as a law officer in 1978 after more than twenty years service. In 1939 he married Evelyn Kennedy, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B.F. Kennedy. Rev. Kennedy was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Versailles. They have one

son, Robert Franklin Arnold, born Jan. 5, 1953. He is a land surveyor and civil engineer technician. He has one daughter, Catrina Denise Arnold.

Edward Luther Arnold enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940. He served twenty-six years in military service and retired as a major in the Air Force. He was then employed by Pratt Whitney Aircraft Co. and is presently living in Glendale, Ariz. *by William David Arnold*

## ANDREW J. ATKESON

Andrew J. Atkeson married Jane Atkinson May 29, 1827 in Kanawha County, West Va. Nine children were born near Charleston West Va. — Elizabeth, Sarah, Jane, Francis, John, James, Mary, William and George.

Mary (Atkeson) Charles

They left West Va. about 1845, coming up the Mississippi and Missouri River to Boonville Mo. on a steamboat, and settled near "Wolf's Spring". The house of Andrew's was one of the pioneer Methodist preaching places where neighbors and friends came to worship and Sunday School was held each Sunday. The private homes were meeting place for the "Circuit Riders" to come and preach. Later Andrew and two daughters Jane and Mary and son George were charter members of the first Methodist Church in Tipton, Mo.

Jane, wife of Andrew died soon after coming to Mo. and he raised the children on the farm. Times were hard and he was a good blacksmith, which helped out a lot, as he worked for neighbors and passers by.

On June 1, 1859, Andrew had entered 320 acres of Government land in Morgan County, south of Versailles. Section 23-25-26, Township 42, Range 18. Signed by President James Buchanan, certificate #36581.

During the Civil War the Confederate Troops stopped at Andrew's Blacksmith Shop and forced him to shoe their horses. In order to save his home and two daughters he shod their horses altho he had four sons in the Union Army, that they were looking for. Andrew knew his sons were not far away at the breastwork at Otterville, on the Lamine River, so he stalled for time.

Oldest child Elizabeth Atkeson died at age 18 and buried by her mother in unmarked grave at Libery Cemetery.

Sarah Atkeson born May 30, 1830. She married Oct. 22, 1848 to William Cox and they had four children: Amanda, James, Julia Ann and William.

Jane Atkeson married John Adair, a soldier in Civil War and they had five children: Leulla, Ida, Mary Ann, Lutherian and Lydia Adair. All buried at Liberty Cemetery in unmarked graves by John Adair who had a Government stone.

Francis Marion Atkeson born Feb. 21, 1835 was in the Civil War, a Pvt. Regiment 43, Co "I". Frank, as he was known was the only son of Andrew that married. He married Mary Fry, children were: Weed, George and Ella (Atkeson) Akin.

John Merlin Atkeson born 1838, died in State of California. He started out walking West to California during the "Gold Rush of '49" and caught up with a wagon train and made the journey on West with them. He bought land and had a mining claim, so was the only son of Andrew's that was not in the Civil War, because he had left Mo. before the war broke out.

James Calvin Atkeson was in the Civil War as Private under Capt. D.L. Dille. After Civil War, he went West and never married, he was in Shoshone County, Idaho territory near Wardner about time of death.

Mary Atkeson born Feb. 21, 1840, was five when she came to Mo. On Sept. 19, 1870 she married John D. Charles and they had three children: Lillie Belle, Sam, and Selina. Lillie married Chas. Lewis one daughter Lucille; Sam Charles married Alpha Newkirk children: Mrs. Gregory Woods (Rose), Norman Charles; Mrs. Elmer Welty (Ruth); Zora, married Faye Wright: Mrs. Preston Hutchison (Omega).

William Nation Atkeson born 1844, he was 6 feet tall black hair and eyes, never married. He was in the Civil War Pvt. in Battery "C" Second Light Artillery Regiment of Ill. Vol. He died at the breastworks at Otterville, Mo, along the Lamine River. He and his brother Frank are buried at Liberty cemetery. They have Civil War Government Markers.

George Melvin Atkeson never married. He was enrolled in Civil War for three years. Private in Battery "B", Second Artillery Regiment.

Andrew had a brother James Atkeson who came from West Virginia and settled near him. Andrew was buried in an unmarked grave at Liberty Cemetery by his wife Jane.

## T.N. (POEY) AYRES

Mr. and Mrs. T.N. (Poey) Ayres were among those who moved out of the basin of the Lake of the Ozarks when it became evident that the formation of the lake was a certainty. They moved from near Linn Creek in 1924 to a farm five miles north of Versailles (just northeast of the present Rolling Hills Country Club.) Poey was born in Hickory County on July 12, 1882, and was married to Edna Augusta Carroll (born Feb. 19, 1888 of Pulaski County) on February 21, 1907. Poey's father, Benjamin Franklin Ayres, fought in the Civil War and is buried next to his wife, Mary, in the Versailles Cemetery.

Edna and Poey Ayers

Corda and Carroll Ayers

Poey and Edna had 3 children: Erma, born Oct. 22, 1909; Carroll, born Feb. 22, 1912; and Hazel, born 1923 and died in 1929 from diptheria. In 1934 they moved to Versailles into the large, rambling 2-story residence on Clay Road at the southwestern edge of town. This property, known as the "Bill Adam's house," was occupied for many years by the foreman of the W.S. Dickey Brick Plant. There were originally 250-300

acres of land with the residence, most of which formerly belonged to the brick plant, including about 10 clay plant ponds and the old "company barns."

Poey and his son, Carroll, were associated in the dairy business for many years. They built new dairy barns and Carroll operated a milk route for 31 years. Poey was engaged in the dairy and stock cattle business most of his life. He died in Feb. 1964, after being retired for several years. He was known as a staunch Democrat and enjoyed arguing politics with his friends. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 320 A.F. & A.M. and was also a member of the Christian Church. His wife, Edna, died in March of 1977.

The old Dickey Brick Plant was formerly located within a few hundred yards of the Ayres home. The house was completely remodeled in 1960 and an attractive modern home was the result. The new Highway 5 was built through the farm on the west. Businesses grew up on the west side, the Dairy Queen, Cart's Market, Apco, as Carroll sold or leased land. The family home with its many trees, pond (formerly the city's swimming place), and well-kept land remained on the east side.

The barns with their landmark silo (seen from a distance as tall as the water tower) were removed in 1971 and the land was purchased by the Cemetery Board for expansion. Two of the large ponds were filled. A wooded area to the south was opened for new homes, as well as an area to the extreme southwest of the farm.

Erma was married to C.W. Dunnaway, a contractor, and died in 1969. They had one son, Jim, a graduate of C.M.S.U. and a commercial artist in Kansas City. He is married to the former Dora Daniels and they have 3 children: Kristy, Lisa and Brian.

Carroll was married to Corda Viola Bishop on Feb. 15, 1936. She was the daughter of Thomas Benton Bishop, a teacher for over 50 years. They are active members of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Their only child, Beverly, is a graduate of the University of Missouri and holds a Master's degree in English. After teaching at the University of Missouri and in Kansas and Utah, she is currently the chairman of the English Department of Morgan County R-2 Schools. She is married to Jim Tracy (Skip) Hughes, a chemical engineering graduate of M.U. He was the son of Jim Frank Hughes, member of an old Morgan County family. Jim T. was an officer with the United States Air Force during part of the Viet Nam Conflict as a project engineer in Utah. He is a partner in the family business, the Versailles Greenhouse. They have two sons: Jeffrey Tracy, born May 12, 1969, and Jeremy, born Dec. 3, 1976.

The Ayres family donated land for the American Legion building and grounds. The town has grown to encompass most of the former farm and what was once the outskirts is now a bustling area for the town and tourists. *by Beverly Ayres Hughes*

## GEORGE T. BAILEY

George T. Bailey was born Feb. 1, 1854 in Morgan County, Mo. He married Mary Ann Thomas and they had eight children:

Laura, Eliza, Luther, Newton, Ella, Jerusha, Wesley and Willie.

George Bailey was a farmer and reared his family on a farm. He moved to Barnett after his children were married and was employed by Clarence Williams to do farmwork. He died in 1923 and is buried at Big Rock Cemetery. He was a member of Big Rock Baptist Church.

Laura Bailey was born in 1874. On March 17, 1919 she married Tom Hindman. Their children were Eliza, Agnes, Linda, Ella, John, Amanda, Sam, Earl, Anna and Harold.

Eliza Bailey was born March 17, 1876, died June 27, 1927, buried in Big Rock Cemetery.

On May 7, 1893 she married William Woods and their children were: Mary, Martha, Joe, John, George, Phoebe, Judith, Lorena, Ethel and Laurel.

George and Mary Bailey

Luther Bailey was born June 22, 1878 and died May 22, 1915 in Morgan County. He married Agnes Baughman and their children were Della, Elmer, Frank and Jimmy.

Newton Bailey was born Oct. 1, 1880 and died in 1958. He married Mary Wilson. Their children were Mae, Lillie, Ruby, Hazel, Nelson, Opal, Paul, Georgia, who died as an infant, Virginia and Bill.

Ella Bailey was born Jan. 2, 1883, died April 27, 1962. She married George Hicks May 12, 1902. (Their children, Louis and Clara.)

Jerusha Bailey, born May 18, 1885 in Morgan County, died at Fortuna July 23, 1968. She married Joe Hoskins on May 25, 1902 and he died July 1, 1960. Their children were Jack Hoskins, born Sept. 9, 1903, died Nov. 27, 1967 at Lee's Summit. Buried in Lee's Summit. He married Bessie Griffin in Lebanon Nov. 23, 1920. (Their children, Lloyd and Naomi.) This marriage ended in divorce.

Almon Hoskins was born Jan. 28, 1907 and died July 14, 1968. He married Addie Graham. (Their children Lannie, Gail, Bernadine, Donnie, Eunice, Delorse and Gary). This marriage ended in divorce. Almon later married Gladys Gabbert, who resides at Independence.

Gladys Hoskins was born Jan. 13, 1910. Married Herbert Bellamy on Feb. 25, 1929. He died Dec. 9, 1975. No children.

Dica Hoskins was born Oct. 1, 1913, married Garland James. (Their children, Lee, Verna, Garland, JoAnn and Jimmy.) After Garland's death, Dica married Ray Harley, who died May 27, 1960. She lives at Lampa, Mo.

Alma Hoskins was born June 22, 1916. She married Gilbert Strother, who died Dec. 27, 1960. (Their children, Juanita and James Austin, who died as an infant.) Alma resides at Sedalia, Mo.

Ruth Hoskins was born Mar. 6, 1919 and married Ray Waldo Marriott Mar. 9, 1945 and lives at Fortuna. No children.

Delbert Hoskins, born Feb. 26, 1924, married Wilma Dowell Oct. 30, 1952. (Their son, Bennie Joe.) Delbert lives in Fortuna.

Wesley Bailey, born 1877, died Apr. 1928. Married Ann Silvey. Their children, Lizzie, Lundy, Bertha and Norman.

Willie Bailey, born Feb. 22, 1895, died June, 1977, married Lillian Spurlock Nov. 22, 1923. (Their children, Geraldine, Bertha, Thelma, Floyd, Naomi, Reuben and Luther.

George Bailey had two brothers, Jim and Bill, and three sisters, Amanda, Becky, and Jane. All lived and died in Morgan County.

Joe Hoskins wife, Jerusha, died July 23, 1968 and is buried at Big Rock Cemetery. *by Mrs. Ray (Ruth) Marriott*

## ALFRED G. (A.G.) BAKER

Alfred G. Baker was born in Knox County, Ky. March 12, 1862, son of John E. and Melvina Richardson Baker. John E. was a native of Kentucky and his wife a native of North Carolina. They were married in Kentucky in 1859.

A.G. Baker

In 1872 John E. Baker took his family to Indiana and that year his wife died. In 1881 he came to Morgan County with his six children and settled on a farm near Otterville. He died in 1902 at age 64. He was a soldier in the Federal army during the Civil War, a member of the 49th Regiment of Kentucky Volunteer Infantry.

Alfred G. Baker supplemented his public school education by attending State Normal College at Warrensburg, Mo., the Commercial Business College in Sedalia and Otterville College. At age 23 he started teaching and for thirteen years was identified with educational work.

In 1897 he bought the Versailles Statesman, a Republican publication, and was its editor and publisher for many years. His editorials attracted much attention of his subscribers and he was considered an authority on many subjects.

Mr. Baker was appointed postmaster of Versailles in 1911 by President William Howard Taft.

In 1889 he was married to Miss Minnie Ousley of Syracuse, Mo. and they had four children: Maud, who was a teacher in the Versailles public schools; Louis Ingalls, who was editor of the Osage County Republican at Linn, Mo. and later worked for and eventually took over the operation of his father's paper in Versailles, and Thelma.

Mr. Baker's first wife died in 1906 and in 1908 he married Miss Sallie French of Versailles. They had no children.

Mr. Baker was interested in all civic affairs and the Versailles schools. He wrote and published a "History of Morgan County and Some of its People," in 1906-07.

For many years he and his second wife lived in a large home at the corner of West Washington and South Maple streets in Versailles. He was an active member of the Baptist Church and his wife was equally active in the Christian church.

Mr. Baker died June 5, 1930 at age 68. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## RACHEL MINERVA (OUSLEY) BAKER

Rachel Minerva Ousley, daughter of Elijah Benton and Elizabeth (Williams) Ousley was born 17 Dec. 1861 in Morgan County. She grew up on the family farm near Syracuse and married Alfred G. Baker of Versailles 17 May 1888. She and Alfred had four children: Louis Ingalls Baker, Maude, Arthur G. and Thelma.

Louis married Myrtle M. Toler and their children were: a daughter (Mrs. Hilton Smith), Helen Francis (died young), Betty, Marjorie, Mary Lou, Robert and John. Mrs. Smith had a daughter, Patricia Ann.

Maude married Waldo Emerson and they had a son, John Emerson.

Arthur married Grace Shagley and their children are Lucille (died young), Bernice Lurene who married Wade Hampton and had two daughters, Sallie and Susan. Arthur is deceased and Grace lives in Jefferson City.

Thelma married Lon V. Stephens.

Rachel Minerva died 7 January 1906 and is buried in the cemetery at Versailles, Missouri. *by: Gary L. Ousley*

## JAMES BALL

The Ball family is proud of their family heritage and are thankful to the late James E. Murray who had the foresight and desire to research and compile data for a history book which was copyrighted in 1961. At the time of his death, he was working toward a family connection of the Ball Family in Morgan County as to their relationship with Mary Ball Washington (Mother of our First President, George Washington). The Ball family originated in England and so did Mary Ball's family. She was born in England to an illiterate mother and a Joseph Ball — a 58 year old widower. Her father died when she was 3. Her mother remarried and died when she was 12. Augustine (father of George) was visiting in England and suffered injuries in a carriage accident. Mary Ball was hired as his nurse and when he recovered, he married her and took her to Virginia. He was a widower and had 2 sons. George Washington was born a year later and also a sister, Betty and 2 other brothers.

James Ball was born in Fauquier County, Va. in 1754 and married Ann Nancy. They were parents of 10 children and only 3 came to Missouri — John B., Sheltial and Nancy. They owned 425 acres and on it had an orchard of 100 apple trees. James Ball died in 1794 and is buried in Fauquier. John B. Ball who was born in 1790 married Elizabeth Ellis in 1818. He died in St. Louis County in 1838. They had 6 children. Elizabeth is buried in a private cemetery 5 miles N.W. of Versailles on the Sims farm. John B. Ball arrived in Mo. about 1835 where some of the Ball, Ellis and allied families began arriving in St. Louis County. Some of the Ball family remained, some went north of river and others pushed west. It is believed he died from "black tongue" and efforts have been made to locate his grave, but is an unproven theory that the town of Bridgeton was built over his burial grounds. His wife Elizabeth later moved to Morgan County to join her brother and sisters and their first home was a log cabin in Sec. 13 E of the Waldo Ball place near Moreau Creek. The cabin was later moved 200 yards south of spring which run through their property. A walnut log slab (many years later at the "Spring" house had "1844" carved on it indicating date of arrival in Morgan County.) Their 6 children — Adeline, William Smith Ball, Jimerson Ellis Ball, John Shelton Ball, Addison Taliaferro Ball and Russell Corder Ball all lived in Morgan County. Jimerson experienced Gen. Price's army coming through Morgan County and stopping at his homestead and asking for permission to hide ammunition. If he refused the Southern Army, he could be harmed. If the Northern Army caught him aiding the South, he would be a traitor. The ammunition powder was buried near a clump of trees south of the house. The next morning he tried to disguise it by building cattle pens over it. As the rumor of it being hidden somewhere in the vicinity reached the Northern army, guerillas tried to find it without

success. To date, no one knows what happened to it. William Smith Ball married Julia Matilda Sims and they were pleased to entertain 25 delegates to the Lamine Baptist Association as it was the first annual meeting at Freedom Baptist Church. She cared for the women in her house and the men slept in barn loft on sweet mown hay. They boiled a ham outdoors in an iron kettle ordinarily used on wash days. After lst husband died, she married Rev. Dr. Jehu Robinson, a Baptist minister. She reared Mrs. Carey Sanford, mother of Gladys Sanford Ball.

Addison Taliaferro Ball was born in 1827 and married Orinda Chaney in 1859. He died in 1874. They had 6 children. Their 3rd child was Emmett Russell Ball who was born in 1866. He married Virginia "Jennie" Murray in 1895 and died in 1946. Jennie was the daughter of Thomas Benton and Sarah Caroline Marple Murray and was born in 1874. She died in 1957. They had 5 children who were all born on the Ball homestead 4 miles N.W. of Versailles: Addison who was born in 1896 and married to Hazel Walkup; He died in 1972 and she in 1975. Benton who was born in 1898 is married to Lucy Williams; Shelton who was born in 1900 was married to Christine Mothersbaugh who died in 1977. He later married Mildred Homan; Elsie married Lowell Mothersbaugh in 1930 and she died in 1975; Russell Emmett was born in 1906 and married Margaret Gerhart in 1929. Addison and Hazel Ball had 4 children: Geraldine born in 1934; Shirley born in 1936; Charles born in 1937; Marvin born in 1942. Charles is married to Dorothy Nolting Ball and they have 2 girls: Teresa born in 1960 and Pamela born in 1962. Marvin is married to Sue Davenport and they have 2 children: Kevin born in 1970 and Kristin born in 1976.

Emmett R. Ball was a well-known farmer and stockman in the Ball & Bethel school communities. The former Ball country school was established many years before and served the community for many years. In 1958 it was moved onto the RII school grounds at Versailles. *by Geraldine and Shirley Ball*

## JOHN SHELTON BALL

The Ball family, long time residents of Morgan County, Missouri have been researched back to William Ball, born about 1690 in England; his son, William Ball, born 1720 in now Fairfax County, Virginia and his son, James B. Ball, born in 1750 in now Loudoun County, Virginia.

James B. Ball married Miss Anna (Nancy) Chloe Smith and they resided in Fauquier County, Virginia in Leeds Manor on a four hundred twenty-five acre plantation. They were the parents of ten children: Margaret (married Benjamin Stevenson), Judith (married James Stephenson), Lucy (married John Riley), Sheltial (married Mary Ann Elliott), Taliaferro (married Mary Foley), Elizabeth H. (married Lewis Riley), James (married Margaret Smith), John B. (married Elizabeth Ellis), Nancy (married William Ellis) and Tacy (married Joseph Ball).

John B. Ball, born in 1790, married Miss Elizabeth Ellis, the daughter of Hannah and James Ellis and they had a family of six children: Adeline, (Unmarried), William Smith (married Matilda Sims), Jimerson Ellis, (Unmarried), John Shelton (married Jalia Sims), Addison Taliaferro (married Orinda Chaney), and Russel Corder (married (1) Mary Elizabeth McCarrell (2) Martha Brasher).

John Shelton Ball was born in February 1826 in Fauquier County, Virginia and was nine years old when he arrived in St. Louis County, Missouri, in 1835 with his parents and family. After the death of his father, John B. Ball, in 1838, the family migrated south into Morgan County, Missouri where they settled on a tract of land near the Moreau Creek. John S. lived at home with his mother until his marriage on November 17, 1851 to Miss Jalia Sims, the daughter of James Sims and Rachel McGarity of Chester County, South Carolina. The couple, members of Freedom Baptist Church, had eight children: William Emmett (Unmarried), Elizabeth Adeline (married Leander Francis Murray), Jennie Thompson (Unmarried), James Waldo (married Margaret Ann Hughes), Mary Etta married William Goddard), Charles Edward (married Mattie Ann Smiley), Ida May (married John Neumeyer) and Matilda Ann (Unmarried).

Mr. and Mrs. James Waldo Ball, Nelson, Austin and Lester

James Waldo Ball, born May 17, 1860, was a farmer and businessman in Morgan County. On October 10, 1883, he married Miss Margaret Ann Hughes, the daughter of Richard William Hughes and Margaret Ann Murray, also of Morgan County. Mr. and Mrs. Ball, members of the Glensted Methodist Church, were the parents of four children: Austin Sumner (married Clora Ann Mattox), Lester Lee (married Irene Burns), Nelson Noman (married Gladys Sanford), and Jalia Ann (Unmarried).

Austin Sumner Ball, born October 9, 1884, had a variety of occupations. He was a school teacher, peace officer and farmer. On October 4, 1910, he married Miss Clora Ann Mattox, the daughter of George W. Mattox and Mary Ann Green of Morgan County. Austin and Clora Ball were the parents of four children: David Austin (married August Duncan), Edna Marie (married Ulen R. Forrest), Lee Kenneth (Unmarried), and James Nelson (married Rowena Kirkham).

James Nelson Ball was born June 18, 1921 on a farm west of Versailles where he attended elementary and secondary schools. On May 6, 1944, he married Miss Rowena Kirkham, daughter of George Vaughn Kirkham and Vesta M. Jones of Springfield, Missouri. Jim served with the 14th Armored Division in the European Theater in WWII. He received his BS degree from Southwest Missouri State University and his MA from the University of Missouri in Columbia. Following his discharge from the Army in October, 1945, he became basketball coach at Versailles High School, where his teams compiled a record of 66 wins and 10 losses and were runners-up to St. Louis Beaumont in the All State Championship Basketball Tournament in 1947. Following a four year stint at Sedalia, Missouri Smith-Cotton High School, he became Head Basket Ball Coach at Central High School in Springfield, Missouri in 1951. Jim and Rowena Ball are the parents of James Nelson, Jr. (married Virginia Annette Kenny) and David Lee (married (1) Wendy Jean Dooley (2) Mary Jean Rountree). *by James Nelson Ball, Sr.*

## NELSON MOMAN BALL

Nelson Moman Ball, son of James Waldo and Margaret Ann Hughes Ball, was born Jan. 28, 1889 near Versailles. He attended the Bethel and Ball rural schools.

Nelson and Gladys Ball — Sept. 1912

He married Gladys Matilda Sanford, Sept. 14, 1912, in Versailles. She was born Aug. 22, 1889, daughter of Carey G. Sanford and Sudie Ann Muir Sanford. She attended Bethel elementary school and Versailles High School.

Gladys joined Freedom Baptist Church and later moved her membership to the Methodist Church.

Nelson joined the Glensted Methodist Church and later transferred to the Versailles Methodist Church.

Nelson and Gladys are the parents of four children: Billy B., Ada Kathryn, Eleanor Ann and Nona Marceline (Marcie). Billy B. and Eleanor died in infancy.

Kathryn married James LaQuey and their children are Mary Jean and Joyce Ann. Mary Jean is Mrs. Frank Jones, III and they have two sons Jason and Brian.

Joyce Ann is in her second year of college.

Marcie married Clay Little in Versailles. They have lived in San Luis Obispo, Calif. for several years. They are the parents of three children, Cynthia May, Charles Nelson and Carl Wayne. Cindy and Nelson are in college and Carl is a senior in high school.

Nelson and Gladys Ball were born and grew up within a few miles of each other. They spent all but seven years of their married life on a farm.

Nelson was stricken with a fatal heart attack while attending a ball game on Aug. 22, 1948 at Versailles. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Gladys continued to make her home in Versailles until 1971 when she moved to Richland, Mo. to be near her daughter, Kathryn, and family.

She is now a resident of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles, Mo.

## ISAIAH BARBER

Isaiah Barber was born in Allegheny County, Pa. on Jan. 10, 1841. He was the son of Adam and Lanah Clowes Barber.

Adam Barber, born Sept. 27, 1817, died June 27, 1900, was born in Westmorland County, Pa. He was a shoemaker, miner, farmer, and soldier. He married on July 26, 1838 to Lanah Clowes, born Aug. 15, 1819 and died May 14, 1851. Their

Isaiah Barber Family

son Isaiah and a daughter Lanah M., were born in Allegheny County, Pa., in 1843.

In 1852, the family moved down the Ohio river to Reedsville, Meigs County, Ohio. After his first wife died, Adam remarried on Aug. 1, 1852 to Sarah Catherine Hetzer. To this marriage nine children were born: Sarah C.; Philip E.; Elizabeth M.; Francis O.; Columbus A.; Elmer E.; John M.; George S.; and Armeliza.

Adam served in the Union Army Co. D. 18th Reg't Ohio Vol. Inf. from Sept 25, 1861 to Feb. 2, 1865.

Isaiah left home when he was just past 16 years of age and worked on the Pickaway plains, Ohio and around Circleville and Columbus, Ohio. He served in the Union Army Co. C 63 Reg't Ohio Inf. from Feb. 28, 1862 to July 8, 1865. He was in the campaigns of Southeast Mo., Tenn. and Mississippi. He marched to Atlanta and on to Washington.

Isaiah moved to Morgan County November 25, 1865 and located six miles south of Versailles on the Versailles and Linn Creek public road. He met and married Talitha Chism Huff, born July 2, 1851, died June 18, 1927. She was the daughter of James Huff, born May 24, 1820, died Aug. 17, 1906, and Mary A. "Pollie" Marriott Huff, born Aug. 1825, died Feb. 10, 1912. "Pollie" was the daughter of Edgecomb Marriott who came to Morgan County in 1840.

Isaiah and Talitha C. Barber were married Dec. 16, 1869. They had eight children: Lanah M., who died at age 15 months; James Adam Barber who married Nancy Ellen Marriott; Cora Mozelle Barber who married Wm. J. Williams; an infant who died at birth; Corwin E. Barber who died at 13 years of age; Matilda I. Barber who married Leslie Forster; Luther Melvin Barber who married Katherine Marie Dilli; and Vera Ethel Barber who married Roy Privett.

The family went to Kansas by ox wagon in 1872 where they joined the Baptist church on Elm Creek, Marshall County, Kans. They moved back to Missouri in 1873 and Isaiah was ordained a Baptist Minister in June 1875. He was a farmer and Minister of the Gospel. He was elected Probate Judge and served in this capacity from 1890 to 1895. He helped organize Oak Grove Church. Rev. Barber wrote the following: "I've preached to congregations in Morgan, Miller, and Cooper counties. I am still working persuading men to let the devil be cast out of them that they may become men of Honor and Virtue."

Isaiah's wife Talitha died the 18th of June 1927 and nine months later on the 11th of March 1928, Isaiah died at the home of his son James A. Barber. He was buried beside his wife at Oak Grove cemetery south of Versailles. *by William W. Williams*

## JAMES ADAM BARBER, SR.

James Adam Barber was the son of Rev. Isaiah Barber, soldier, farmer and Baptist preacher, born January 10, 1841, 12 miles north of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Rev. Barber married Talitha Huff, daughter of James and Mary Marriott Huff, December 16, 1867.

James Adam Barber was the grandson of Adam Barber who was born 1818 in Pennsylvania and died in 1900. His grandmother's maiden name was Clows, and she was born in Pennsylvania in 1822 and died in Ohio in 1852. Adam Barber was a miner, farmer, soldier and shoemaker.

James Adam Barber was born March 31, 1873, died 1934. He married Nancy Ella Marriott (1875-February 1935). The three children of James Adam and Nancy Ella Barber were:

Lum Lee Barber (January 14, 1894-September 7, 1974) married Neva Annie Moser November 7, 1920. (See sketch elsewhere in this volume.)

Gertrude Barber, born October 20, 1899-Deceased. After finishing High School, Gertrude began clerking at the M.L. Joachimi Store and after a short time became Assistant Bookkeeper to Arthur Joachimi and later became Bookkeeper, a position she kept until her marriage. On June 16, 1929, she was married to Carl J. Alpers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Alpers, Deceased. Their daughter: Ella Louise Alpers was born May 30, 1932 at Sedalia, Missouri and on June 4, 1954 married Don Englebrecht, born May 4, 1928. Their Children: Stillborn daughter, July 17, 1959 and son (Adopted) Kent Bernard Engelbrecht, born December 14, 1968.

James Adam Barber, Jr., born November 18, 1910, married to Leah Louise Moser, daughter of Aubrey and Hattie Williams Moser, born April 26, 1914. Their daughter: Beverly June Barber, born June 8, 1936. Married to John William Garrett, Sr., born January 1, 1934. Their Children: Sheri Lee Garrett, born November 12, 1956. Married to Charles Lather, Jr., born February 1, 1952; John William Garrett, Jr., born November 13, 1958; Candi Lynn Garrett, born February 25, 1971. *by Mrs. Jas. A. Barber, Jr.*

## LUM LEE BARBER

Lum Lee Barber (January 14, 1894-September 7, 1974), son of James Adam Barber (March 3, 1873-1934) and Nancy Ella Marriott Barber (1875-1935), educated in schools of Morgan County. He was employed as Weigh Master for Missouri Pacific Railroad, Carthage, Missouri. Entered Active Duty in World War I, May 14, 1917 at Joplin, Mo. He left U.S. September 10, 1917, served in France until August 1919, with rank of Corporal. Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: Toulon Sector 3/18/1918-5/12/1918; Aisne Defense 4/1/18-7/16/18; Chateau Thierry Sector 6/7/18-7/16/18; Marbach Sector 8/18/18-8/18/18; St. Mihiel Offensive 9/12/18-9/16/18; Aisne-Marne Offensive 9/18/18-9/21/18 and Meuse-Argonne Offensive (Champagne) 10/2/18-10/10/18; 11/1/18-11/11/18. Separated from Active Duty August 14, 1919 at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky.

He was a member of the Second Division Association (Indian Head) National Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia, and Charter member of American Legion Post 104, from which he received the Golden Certificate for 55 years continuous membership.

November 7, 1920, married Neva Annie Moser, daughter of Henry and Jennie Thompson Rutherford Moser and was connected with the Versailles Flour and Feed Co. until the Mill burned February 13, 1931. Later joined Versailles Feed Co., as one of the owners.

During World War II, he was employed at Camp Crowder. In Kansas City he was employed in Millwright work until he retired, being a member of Carpenter's District Council Union No. 1529.

Was an active member and Deacon of First Baptist Church in Versailles, later a member of Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Barber
Children: Virginia and Warren

His wife, Neva Moser Barber graduated in 1912 from Versailles High School, then attended State Normal School at Warrensburg. She joined First Baptist Church in 1909 and was active in Choir and a member of the Sextet of the Versailles Churches, also a member of the Versailles Music Club. She was a member of Swope Park Baptist Church, while living in Kansas City, later transferring membership back to First Baptist Church, Versailles. When the Women's Civic Club was organized in 1921, was elected Treasurer and is the only living Charter Officer.

Their three children:

Edwin Lee Barber (March 18, 1928-February 8, 1933)

Warren Hayward Barber, born February 10, 1931, graduate of Paseo High School, Kansas City, served 4 years in Air Force in Korea and Japan in World War II as Corporal. September 21, 1956, married Vivian Pauline Cross, born April 27, 1939 in Camden County, Missouri, daughter of Curtis Cross (1907-1959) and Flossie Elizabeth McGuire Cross (1907- ). Their Children:

Douglas Dean, born April 27, 1958, Enlisted in Navy for 4 year term October 1976; Susan Joan, born March 26, 1959. Married Tom Peery 1978; Nancy Lynn, born June 3, 1960. Married Mike Hayes 1978; Edwin Lee Barber II, born December 16, 1916; Samuel Jonathon, born January 24, 1963.

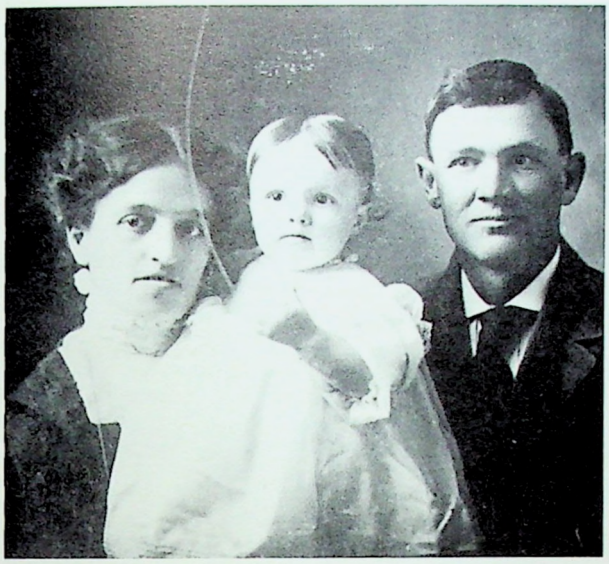
Virginia Anne Barber, Born August 15, 1932, graduate of Paseo High School and attended Missouri University at Columbia. Married William Lewis Pence, born May 5, 1930, Liberty, Mo., son of Lewis George Pence (9/15/1904-5/21/1977) and Doris Natalie Perry Pence (4/9/1909), a graduate of Missouri University at Columbia, Mo. Their children: Merrole Pence, born January 1, 1956. Married Paul Robert Steinway, February 18, 1978, son of Robert Allen Steinway (12/12/25- ) and Anna Hedwig Lindner Steinway (10/25/24- ); Melody Pence, born December 11, 1968. *by Mrs. L.L. Barber*

## C.M. BARBOUR

Cletus Marion Barbour, son of Christopher C. and Albertine Taylor Barbour, was born in Miller County Mo. March 31, 1879. At the age of nine years he came to Morgan County with his parents, where he spent the remainder of his life. He attended Salmon school and later continued his education in the Versailles schools.

On April 11, 1906 he was united in marriage to Louetta Agnes Jones, daughter of Conway and Alice Hunter Jones, at the Jones homestead near Freedom Church. To that union were born five children; Louise, Juanita, Paul, Frances and an infant son who died at the age of two weeks.

Louise married Earle R. Beckner of Eldon, Iowa. They had one daughter, Donna Louise. She married Louis W. Izard of



Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Barbour and daughter Louise

Kansas City, Kan. They reside in Kansas City, Kans. and have no children.

Paul married Katherine Ritter of Quincy, Ill. They now live in Pueblo, Colo. They had one daughter, Kathy, and one son, Charles. Charles is unmarried and Kathy married Raymond Smith of Pueblo, Colo. They all reside in that city.

Frances married Andrew Findley of Excelsior Springs, Mo. They have one daughter, Paula Lou who married Larry Kurtenbach. They have two children, Jeffrey Andrew and Julie Marie. They reside in Prairie Village, Kans.

Juanita died in August of 1934 and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Mr. Barbour died at his home in Versailles on June 5, 1945. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. *by Louise Beckner*

## MICHAEL ROACH BARRON

Jim and Dorothy Barron

Michael Roach Barron and his wife, Mary Rosalie (Murphy) and their two children, Mary and Walter, were the first Barrons to come to America. They were from Ireland and immigrated to America in 1848. They settled in Cooper County, where Michael helped build a flour mill at Boonville and engaged in the milling business. He was born in County Killkenny, Ireland on Oct. 14, 1800, and married Mary before 1840 in Ireland. She was born in 1820, St. Leonard County, Ireland, daughter of Anthony Murphy. This couple's two children were also born in Ireland. Walter was born April 2, 1840 in Waterford, and Mary was born in 1843. Mary married Hiram Shrowt and she died in 1900. This marriage was late in life and this couple was childless. In 1869, Walter married Virginia Mildred (Hurt), daughter of Joel and Harriet (Farris) Hurt. To this marriage there was born eleven children which are as follows: William Pope, Minnie Belle (Langkop), Mary Ellen, Walter Barron, Jr., Joseph and Josie (twins), Rosa Mae (Brandes), Letitia Adeline (Brandes), John Dickson, Nellie Henrietta (Morris), and Raymond Boone.

"The Barron Bunch"
*1st. row:* Michael and Dorothy; *Back:* Marilyn, John, Jim, Steve, Kevin, Rita.

Raymond Boone Barron was born Nov. 29, 1889 at Bunceton, Mo. He married Sylvia Hall (Swan) on Aug. 22, 1914 at Great Falls, Montana. She was born Dec. 18, 1893, Great Falls, Montana, daughter of George Benjamin Swan and Frances (Tabbutt). There were five children of this marriage, Robert Michel, Donald Boone, James Lowell and John Lawrence (twins) and Keith Gregory. James was born Aug. 13, 1920 Great Falls, Montana and married Dorothy Elizabeth (Landon) on Dec. 8, 1943 at Kansas City, Mo. Dorothy was born Sept. 22, 1924, Pilot Grove, Mo. James and Dorothy (Dottie) moved to Morgan County in Apr. 1957 and became the owners of the Western Auto Store in Versailles. They still are operating the store to this date. They have two sons, John Lowell, and Stephen Ross. John was born Aug. 31, 1944, Boonville, Mo. and married June 19, 1966 at Gravois Mills, Mo. to Marilyn Margaret (Guinty) daughter of William and Mary (Xanders) Guinty. They have one son Jon Michael, born Jan. 27, 1967 at Warrensburg, Mo. John is presently flight engineer for TWA in Kansas City. Stephen was born July 23, 1948, at Kansas City, Mo. and married Sept. 8, 1973 at Versailles, Mo. to Rita Marie (Ehlers), daughter of Walter and Renata (Fischer) Ehlers, Stover. They have two sons Kevin James born Aug. 5, 1975, and Eric Stephen born June 20, 1978. Stephen is presently working in the Western Auto Store in Versailles with his parents, Jim and Dottie. *by Rita Barron*

## DOROTHY I. BARTRAM

Dorothy Irene Bartram was born in Miller County, Mo. (see James and Rumina Whittle history) and came to Versailles with her parents, James Elmer and Bertha Drace Whittle when she was five years old.

Dorothy I. Bartram

She attended the Versailles schools and attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City two years, studying vocal music.

She worked as society and club reporter for the Versailles Statesman a Republican publication for C.M. Fleming, Jane Kneeland, Dick Jones and Sarah Halliburton, editors and publishers. Miss Halliburton sold the Statesman to Roy E. Otten, editor of the Versailles Leader and the paper became the Leader-Statesman.

Dorothy was a civic leader, Girl Scout leader for ten years, directed youth work and choirs in the Christian and Methodist churches. She organized and directed the Vesper Choir of the Methodist Church, a 24-girl choir, for five years. The choir sang programs at many places including Lafayette Park Methodist Church in St. Louis, and several television programs. She directed the chancel choir of the Methodist Church for 25 years and was honored by the church when she retired in Feb., 1977.

She worked in the real estate office of Russell P. Hall Company as secretary and salesman, for nine years. In 1958 she went to work at the Versailles Leader-Statesman office as reporter and feature writer. She and the late Roy E. Otten compiled and published a book, "Versailles, it's First 125 Years" in commemoration of the town's 125th anniversary in 1960. She researched material and wrote a history of Morgan County for a two-section supplement to the Leader-Statesman in 1976 in celebration of the Bicentennial.

She has had feature stories published in the Kansas City Star, Jefferson City News-Tribune, Sedalia Capital, Springfield Leader-Press and other papers and worked as a stringer for the Kansas City Star for several years.

She was named "Woman of the Year" by the members of the Gravois Mills Business and Professional Women's Club of which she was a member for eighteen years.

She helped to organize the Morgan County Historical Society in 1965 and served as its president for six years.

She is a staff writer on the Versailles Leader-Statesman at this time and served as co-chairman of the book, "History of Morgan County" being published this year. (1979).

## GENE NASON BARTRAM

Gene Nason Bartram was born June 26, 1917 in Versailles, son of Rex E. and Margaret Koch Bartram. When his mother died in 1926 he went to make his home with his uncle and aunt, Dr. Sam Newton and Minnie Koch Newton, in their new home on North Monroe street.

Gene Bartram

He grew up with his cousin, Alvin Koch, in the Newton home and graduated from Versailles High School in 1935. He graduated from Williams Institute of Mortuary Science in Kansas City and was licensed by the state of Missouri as an embalmer and funeral director. He went to work at the Kidwell Funeral Home in Versailles in 1936.

Gene helped take of his uncle Doc's livestock on his farm southeast of Versailles, that he had taken in on medical bills from his patients. He got a medical education taking his uncle Doc on his calls in his old model T. Ford car.

In June, 1941 Gene volunteered for military service in the U.S. Army at Leavenworth, Kans. and transferred to Camp Roberts, Calif. for basic infantry training. He volunteered for provisional parachute school at Fort Benning, Ga. and from there was assigned to Company A 503rd Parachute Regt. and went with the regiment to the Pacific Theater of Operations, (Australia), in 1942. He made his first combat operation parachute jump at Nabzab, Lae New Guinea against the Japanese in Sept. 1943.

He and seventeen other embalmers were transferred to Finchafen New Guinea in 1943 to form the first Graves Registration Unit in the Pacific Theater, with their mission to bury the battlefield dead in the cemeteries they built.

He returned to the U.S. under the point system in Aug., 1945 with an honorable discharge as a tech-sergeant. Upon request of the American Graves Registration Command he volunteered to return to the Philippine Islands where he helped supervise repatriation of the war dead buried on the Pacific islands.

He again returned to the U.S. in 1947 and took up his old job at the Kidwell Funeral Home. He designed and laid out the Oak Park Addition to the Versailles Cemetery in 1946.

On June 25, 1948 he was married to Dorothy Whittle Buchanan.

He is a charter member of the Versailles Lions Club, president of the Versailles Cemetery Association, chairman of the Methodist Church board, chief of the Versailles Fire Department, past commander of Morgan County Post 104 of the

American Legion, past master of Masonic Lodge 320 A.F. & A.M., member of the V.F.W., member of all Masonic bodies including the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine of Springfield, served as city clerk, was appointed coroner of Mogan County by Gov. Forrest Smith, replacing B.L. Medicus upon his death, and served as coroner for ten years, has been U.S. weather observer for twenty-seven years, was first chairman of the Mid-Mo Ambulance Board.

He left the Kidwell Funeral Home in 1971 and operated the Kidwell Rest Home and helped establish the Good Shepherd Nursing Home. He was assistant administrator of the home in 1972 and has been administrator since 1973 until this year of 1979.

## REX EUGENE BARTRAM

Rex Eugene Bartram was born in Sumner, Ill. Jan. 5, 1893, the youngest son of six children of Gregory and Hanna Lent Bartram. He moved with his parents to Windsor, Mo. and graduated from Windsor High School in 1902. During his senior year he worked at night "catching" the mail from the Golden State Limited, a fast passenger train on the Rock Island railroad. While at the depot waiting for the trains, he learned telegraphy. Shortly after graduation, although not 21 years of age, the Rock Island division manager, who heard him "talk" on the wire, offered him a job at Maryland Heights, Mo. as the telegraph operator, which he accepted.

Rex Bartram

For the next fifty years Rex Bartram helped to keep the trains running on time for the Rock Island Railroad. With the exception of two years, when the general superintendent of the Rock Island sent him to Amarillo, Texas, as freight agent for a large munitions plant in operation during World War II, Bartram spent the remainder of his railroad time on the St. Louis-Kansas City division.

In 1912 he became depot agent at Stover, Mo. In June 1915 he married Miss Margarette Koch, a local telephone operator. He narrowly escaped the tornado that destroyed the Stover depot in 1916 and in 1917 he accepted the third "trick" operators job at the Versailles station under the late Charley Allen. During this year, a son, Gene Nason, was born.

In 1926 Margarette died and was buried in the Versailles cemetery. The year following her death, the superintendent of the St. Louis-Kansas City Division, appointed Bartram his telegrapher in the St. Louis headquarters of the Rock Island. He remained in St. Louis until he met and married Nellie Wood, a registered nurse, from Flora, Ill.

In 1928 Rex and Nellie Bartram moved back to Stover, where he accepted the job as station agent for Stover Rock Island. In 1930 their son, Tommy Wood, was born. They remained in Stover until Charley Allen, station agent for Versailles died. Rex was then appointed station agent at Versailles. In July, 1957 Nellie died and shortly thereafter he accepted the position as station agent for the Rock Island in Eldon, Mo.

After his 50th year with the Rock Island, he underwent severe eye surgery and could no longer read the teletype train orders and was forced to retire.

He built one of the first radios ever heard in Versailles and was instrumental in designing a direct-current transformer that replaced the "wet" batteries used in early day telegraphy.

Rex was a member of the Versailles Masonic Lodge and served as its secretary until his health failed. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a 50-year member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and a member of the Versailles Methodist Church. He died Feb. 4, 1973 at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home at Versailles following an extended illness of several years. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## ALVIN HENRY HERMAN BAUER

Alvin Henry Herman Bauer was born on September 16, 1911, in Stover, Missouri. His parents were Henry Frederick Bauer, (born February 28, 1875,) Was hit by a train and died October 4, 1948,) and Pauline Nolting Bauer, (born March 9, 1882, died November 29, 1961.) There were four other children, Lorena Bauer Hagedorn, and Edmund H. Bauer, both living in Stover. The two sisters, who are deceased, are Viola Bauer Johnson, and Agnes Bauer Gehrs.

On April 21, 1934 Alvin married Shirley Olwann Washburn, (born April 18, 1913) daughter of William Shadrick Washburn and Lottie Cecil Webster. The children of Alvin and Shirley are: Carolyn Bauer Swartz, Aurora, Mo. (born December 44, 1936) wife of William H. Swartz, who has three children: Pamela Swartz Fly, Springfield, Mo. Steven William Swartz, and Jay Allen Swartz. William Henry Bauer (born Dec. 8, 1938) whose wife is Barbara Humphrey: They have four living children; Bobbi Gail, Bret William, Beth Ann, and Barrie Joy. Terri Gay, who died in infancy. At the time of his marriage, Alvin was working with his father, Henry Frederick Bauer, who owned the Stover Milling Company. Soon after the marriage, Alvin became manager for the Morgan County Oil Company, owned by William S. Washburn, distributors of gasoline, oil, tires and acces. At this time L.P. bottled gas added to the line, and in 1944 bulk L.P. gas was added. Morgan County Gas Company bears the distinction of being the oldest independent L.P. Gas dealer in Missouri. Alvin was joined by his son, Bill, upon his return the Navy in 1961, and he has managed it since that time. The business has expanded with a Home Office in Versailles, and offices in Cole Camp, and Laurie. In the year 1950-51, Alvin was the President of the Missouri L.P. Gas Association, and has served on the board since then.

Alvin was one of the charter members of the Versailles Lions Club, organized in 1937.

## GEORGE BAUER

George Bauer came to America from Germany in the early 1800's; along with his father, mother and five brothers. The family settled in the Prymont neighborhood of Morgan County.

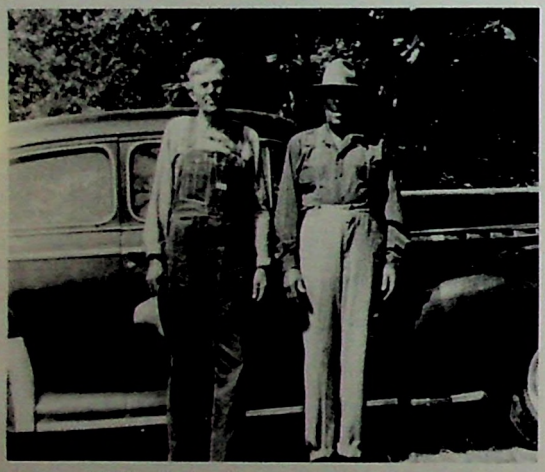
George married Katheryn Meyer. They had two sons, Billy and Henry. Billy Bauer married Emma Perice. They had one daughter, Sena. Billy died and Sena lived with her mother as long as Katheryn Bauer lived. Sena now lives in St. Louis.

Henry married Mary Elizabeth Bowers on March 11, 1895. The couple lived on a farm seven miles southwest of Versailles, in the Ritchie community, where they raised two sons, Walter and Atwell. Both Henry and Mary Bauer are buried in the cemetery at Ritchie Baptist Church.

Atwell married Alpha James on Dec. 11, 1918. The couple bought the Bauer home farm and raised three children: Geraldine, Thomas E., and Creed A. Atwell and Alpha Bauer sold their farm in 1967 and moved to Versailles. Atwell died May 2, 1971.

*L. Front:* Alpha Bauer (daughter), Geraldine Bauer Ritchie. *L. back:* Atwell, Thomas Eugene, Creed Atwell.

Geraldine Bauer married Henry Ritchie. Five children were born to Henry and Geraldine Ritchie: Helen, William, Betty, Peggy and Patti. Helen, Betty and Patti live in the Kansas City area. William is married and has one son; his family lives at Fulton, Mo. Peggy married Dean Porter and the family lives in a new home south of Versailles.



Henry, on L, Walter (son) on R.

Thomas E. Bauer served in the U.S. Navy, in the Pacific theater of World War II, from 1942 to 1945. After the war, he returned home and married Mayme Johnson, and began farming near his parents home place in the Ritchie neighborhood. Thomas and Mayme have two daughters: Alpha Kay and Linda Irene. Alpha Kay is married to Sam Walters; she has three children from a previous marriage and they live on a farm near Gravois Mills.

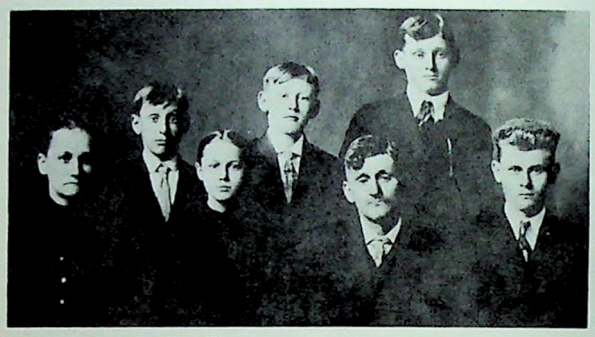
Linda Bauer taught at State Fair Community College. She now is married to Dan Blackledge and lives on a farm in Michigan.

Creed A. Bauer married Hinda Artz. He served two years in the U.S. Army, including a year's service in Germany. After military service, Creed and Hinda lived in Independence, Mo. They had two children, Janet and Bradley. Creed worked at the Chevrolet plant in Leeds for 16 years, until his death on Nov. 11, 1971. His children now live in North Kansas City with their mother.

Walter Bauer, the second son of Henry and Mary Bauer, married Hazel Marriott. Five children were born to the family: Mary, Norma, Coretta, Kelly and Henry Martin. Mary, Norma and Kelly live in the Kansas City area. Coretta lives in Tennessee. Henry Martin lives on a farm southwest of Versailles. Walter died in March, 1979. Hazel lives at Ionia, Mo. *by Mrs. Atwell Bauer*

## DANIEL WEBSTER BAUMGARTNER

According to family history, published in 1908, the name Baumgartner means "Nursery man", or one who takes care of and cultivates trees.



Daniel Bumgartner Family

The Baumgartner clan trace its ancestry back to Ulrich Baumgartner of Durrette, Germany, a teacher in 1627. Because of religious persecutions Ulrich and others fled Germany and went to the Jura Mountains in Switzerland. Two hundred years later David Baumgartner left Canton Bern Switzerland with his wife (1824) and came to Wayne County, Ohio.

Daniel Webster Baumgartner (1866-1937), a grandson of David Baumgartner, was orphaned at the age of six and raised by an uncle in Ohio. When a young man, before 1884, he visited another uncle living in Morgan County, Mo. Here he met Caroline Basinger, who had moved with her parents from Ohio to Versailles in 1866. Caroline was helping to care for Daniel's young cousins when they met.

They were married Sept. 24, 1891. They bought a farm northeast of Versailles (the Lank Callison place) in 1893. A son, Neal, and a grandson, Ronald, still live on this farm.

Daniel and Caroline had five children, all farmers. Wade, the oldest, married Pearl Hofstetter Dec. 27, 1930. She died in 1967. Their children and grandchildren are Elvera (Mrs. Shelby Siegel), Chris and John Karl of Florence, Mo. Ronald married Marguerite Braun of Clarence Center, New York. Jeffrey, Mike and Craig, of Versailles. Keith married Jerri Moser of Fortuna, Mo. Florene (Mrs. August (Bud) Heineman) Brian and Andy of Jefferson City, Mo. Daniel married Loretta Hilty, Versailles. Beverly, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Barbara of Versailles.

Oliver married Elda Lehman Sept. 16, 1923. (See Lehman history)

Neal was never married but is a favorite uncle, especially to his great nieces and nephews.

Roy married Mabel Detweiler Feb. 22, 1930. They live in Rock City, Ill. Their children and grandchildren are Eleanor (Mrs. Henry) Bastain, Dala, of Dakota, Ill. Bonnie (Mrs. Dean) Koch, Donna, Terry, Connie and Jodi of Dakota, Ill.

Alice married Earl Aeschbacher Dec. 24, 1935. Their children and grandchildren are Carolyn (Mrs. Boyd) Crocker, Mike and Shara, Hesston, Kas. Doris (Mrs. Jim) Whitteaker, Letha, Scott, Cassandra and Brent of Westminster, Calif. Vincel married Sharon Kreiling, Bruce and Pamela, of Versailles. Barbara (Mrs. Tom) Burke, Brian, Joseph and Mary of Kansas City. Kenyon married Shirley Elzea, Jeni and David, of Lee's Summit, Mo. *by Mrs. Shelby Siegel*

## WILLIAM HUNTER BAXTER

William, son of Daniel Boone and Lucinda McDaniel Baxter were married January, 1890.

Cynthia, Amanda (mother), William (father) and Benjamin

His father, Daniel, was a school teacher, county collector, judge of Moniteau county, Mo., president of Hazel Dell Insurance Company and a farmer. His great-grandfather, Hugh Baxter, a native of Kentucky, came to Howard county, Mo. prior to Missouri's admission to the union and later moved to Cooper county, Mo.

His grandfather, Benjamin Henry and Polly Hill Baxter came from Cooper county to Morgan county in 1865. They went to Moniteau county in 1867. William had five sisters and one brother, Nora Jane James, died 1929, Sally May Baxter, died 1930, Belle Dobson, died Aug. 1971, Bettie Irey, died 1971, Barbara Misenhelter at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles. Sidney Earl Baxter died 1972.

William Hunter Baxter (born Dec. 9, 1890) and Omanda Delilah Bowen, (born Dec. 24, 1889) were married Sept. 22, 1912 and lived in Morgan County. They had two children, Benjamin Henry Baxter, born Jan. 17, 1916 and Cynthia Baxter (Mrs. Lloyd Nichols) born Feb. 4, 1918.

Three grandchildren are Eleanor Lucille Baxter, born May 22, 1946, died same day, Kathryn Sue Wells, born June 7, 1948 and Richard Sidney Baxter, born Feb. 9, 1950. One grandchild, Candace Janette Baxter, born Oct. 1, 1978.

His son, Benjamin Henry, served three and a half years in the U.S. Army in World War II. Son-in-law, Loyd Eugene Nichols, served in the Navy in World War II.

Mr. Baxter received his education at West View school. He was a farmer and secretary of Hazel Dell Insurance Company and served on the school board. He retired and moved to Versailles in 1949.

William Hunter Baxter died Nov. 25, 1951. His wife, Omanda Delilah, died Nov. 25, 1953. *by Cynthia Baxter Nichols*

## ARTHUR BEAL

Arthur Beal was born in 1908 in St. Louis son of Anthony Beal (b. 1875 in St. Louis-died 1913) and Margaret Linzermann Beal (b.-1879-died in St. Louis 1927). Arthur had a sister, born 1906, died 1970.

His maternal grandmother came from Germany to the U.S. in 1854. Her name was Maggie Heineman. She landed in California and came in a covered wagon across country to St. Louis. She met Joseph Linzermann and they were married in 1875. They had a daughter, Margaret born 1898.

Ann Beal was born in 1917 in St. Louis, daughter of Adolph Schmitz (born 1884 in St. Louis-died 1949) and Mary Schmitz, nee Lanby (born in St. Louis 1888, married 1908-died in Versailles 1973)

Ann and Arthur Beal married Apr. 13, 1946, came to the Lake of the Ozarks area in 1946 for a vacation at Washburn's Point. On their second trip here they decided to make this their home. In 1956 they bought a lot on the lake from Paul Washburn with small cabin, which they used for several years.

Arthur and wife, Ann, their daughter Beverly and her husband

In 1961, after Arthur had worked 35 years at Ford Motor in St. Louis he retired. In June, 1961 we started to build our new home.

Arthur Beal, son Arthur, and Norman, football player

We have three children, Arthur, Beverly and Norman. All had a part in building our home.

Norm played football with the Tigers at the University of Missouri 1959-1961. We went to the Orange Bowl game twice, the one game they lost to Georgia but the other one they beat Navy.

The children are all married now and we have five grandchildren. We moved from St. Louis to the lake in 1964, Lake Road 16-Gravois Mills. Beverly's son, Keith, is now 17, Arthur's son, Jeffrey, is 9, his daughter, Lynn, 5. Norm's son, Norman, is 14 and his daughter, Cheri is 9.

My mother, Mary Schmitz, lived with us at the lake and loved it. However, when I could not give her the care she needed, she went into the Kidwell Rest Home and later into the new Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

I helped to move the elderly residents of the Kidwell Rest Home into the beautiful new nursing home and shall never forget the happy smiles on their faces as they saw how pretty the new home was. Three years later my mother died.

We love the friendliness and helpfulness of the people of the smaller community. In the city it is much different.

I gave the American flag that was given to me when my father died (who had been in the U.S. Navy) to Gene Bartram to be used at the Versailles Cemetery.

Arthur and I hope that some day our children will spend their years in a nice, peaceful place such as ours. We thank God for such a beautiful place and we rejoice and are glad in it. *by Ann Beal*

## EARLE R. BECKNER

Earle R. Beckner, Major in U.S. Army, died at his home in Versailles on Aug. 23, 1962. A son of the late Perry and Emma Beckner, he was born in Bancroft, Mo. June 23, 1900.

Earle R. Beckner

Mr. Beckner was a veteran of World War I and II, serving overseas in both conflicts. He was retired with the rank of Major on April 1, 1953. Although no longer connected with the army, he maintained an active interest in the Military and was a member of the American Legion Post and an army reserve unit.

Mr. Beckner received a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. in the late 1920's. He followed that profession the major portion of his life. He worked as a surveyor for the Illinois and Missouri State Highway departments. He was later crew chief for Stone and Webster during the time the basin of the Lake of the Ozarks was being surveyed.

An active member of the Versailles Methodist Church, he served as a member of the board of trustees and was also an usher. He was also a member of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, Versailles Lodge 320 A.F. and A.M. and past commander of Morgan Co. Post 104 of the American Legion.

In addition to his work as an engineer, he operated a plumbing and heating business in Versailles. He sold this business following a severe heart attack.

Mr. Beckner was married to Miss Alice Louise Barbour on May 31, 1930. They had one daughter, Donna Louise. She married Louis W. Izard of Kansas City, Kans. They now reside in that city.

Funeral services were held in Versailles at the Versailles Methodist Church. Burial with full Military honors in the Versailles Cemetery. *By Louise Beckner*

## GEORGE EZRA BENTCH

George Ezra Bentch was born July 29, 1901 in Camden County, son of Daniel Allen and Eliza Ann Tolar Bentch. Daniel Allen was born in Cooper County, son of Ambrose and Margaret Sharp Bentch. Ambrose was son of Lewis Bentch and was born in Virginia. George Ezra's mother was Eliza Ann Tolar Bentch, daughter of John and Margaret Jane Bench Tolar.

Ezra and Opal Bentch
*Back, L-r:* Eunice, C.E., Lela, Don, Glendola

George Ezra was married to Minnie Opal McDavitt in April, 1923 at Versailles, Mo. She was born Sept. 26, 1903, in Camden County, daughter of James Cordell and Nancy Jane Upton McDavitt. James was son of George and Elizabeth Connell McDavitt. Nancy was daughter of John and Elizabeth Jones Upton.

Ezra and Opal lived in Camden County until 1945 when they purchased a farm in the Providence Community in Morgan County. They purchased the farm from J.W. Loganbill. They moved here with their family of 2 sons and 3 daughters in 1945. Their five children were born in Camden County. Glendola Alta, born March 8, 1924, Harlan Donalee born November 14, 1925, Lela Ruth, born August 7, 1929, Clarence Everett, born Dec. 5, 1933, and Eunice Esther born November 2, 1937.

Glendola Alta married L. Roy Wenger (born Feb. 6, 1926). They are parents of nine children: Delores Marlene born Nov. 28, 1949, Charlene Kay and Darlene Fay born July 15, 1951, Marilyn Joy born March 21, 1953 and Phillip Roy born Dec. 29, 1954, Janice Eileen and Judith Elaine born Jan. 29, 1956, and Vivian Ann born Oct. 16, 1960, Fredrick Allen, Oct. 2, 1965. Delores married Marlin Miller and they are parents of 1 son, Gaylen and 1 daughter, Kendra. Charlene is married to Cleo Yoder and they have 1 daughter, Chalon Rae. Darlene is married to Leonard Reimer and they have 1 daughter Steffanie Rae. Marilyn is married to Ray Evans. Janice is married to Clifford Miller. Judith is married to Elmer Redcay.

Harlan Donalee married Mary Louise Weaver (May 14, 1929). They are parents of six children, Larry Don, born May 24, 1952, Sharon Edith born May 23, 1956, Dale Eugene, born Oct. 24, 1957, Gary Wayne born Aug. 2, 1960, Timothy Carl born March 17, 1963 and Ronald Allen born June 3, 1965. Larry Don married Debra Coursey and are the parents of three children, Shawna Michelle, Kriston Don, and Tristan Dale. Sharon is married to David Swarr. Dale is married to Kathy Maupin.

Lela Ruth married Paul Hubert Wenger (born June 11, 1924). They are parents of 4 children. Barbara Ruth born on Sept. 3, 1949, Twila Pauline born Sept. 6, 1953, Dwayne Paul born Aug. 19, 1958. Donna Sue born Sept. 16, 1960. Barbara

Ruth married Lewis Thomas and they are parents of one son, Scott.

Clarence Everett is married to Betty Irene Kauffman (Nov. 18, 1931). They are parents of three children, Dennis Lynn, born March 28, 1956, Miriam Joan born Aug. 21, 1957 and Elaine Kay born Nov. 11, 1960. Dennis is married to Donna Vaughn, and Miriam is married to Donald Burcks.

Eunice Esther is married to Quintin Garber Lehman (March 22, 1924). They are parents of two sons, Rodney Brian born May 17, 1969 and Brent Kevin born May 15, 1972.

George Ezra and Opal operated a dairy farm until their retirement in 1975. They still live on the farm and a grandson rents the farmland. Ezra enjoys woodworking as a hobby. Opal enjoys cooking and baking cookies for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They have twenty-four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ezra and Opal are members of the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church.

## WILLIAM M. BERKLEY

William M. Berkley was married to Caroline (Carrie) Hufnagel of Oquawka, Illinois, December 23, 1890. He was one of six children, and was born in 1848 to Benoni Israel and Sarah Cox Berkley, who had come to Missouri from North Carolina. Caroline, one of five children, was born November 14, 1859. Her parents were Elizabeth Schurtz and John Hufnagel, both natives of the Kingdom of Wurtemburg, Germany.

Daughters of Wm and Carrie Berkley
Mable Berkley Bradshaw and Velma Berkley Ivy

After their marriage, William and Carrie lived on a farm one mile north of Barnett. They were parents of two daughters, Mabel Elizabeth born January 9, 1892, and Velma Cornelia born May 29, 1894. William soon contracted tuberculosis, was sent to Colorado in order to better his condition, but he died in 1897. This left Carrie to rear their daughters, until her early death in 1908. She had taken thyphoid fever from a neighbor lady she was helping care for. William and Carrie are buried in Sappington Cemetery near High Point, Mo.

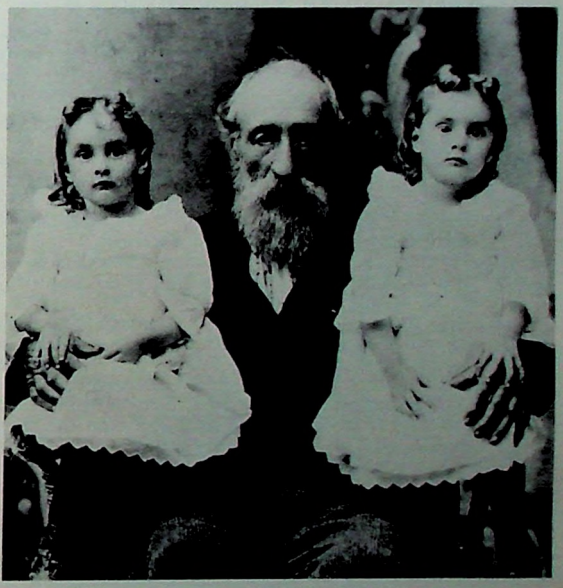
Mabel was married to Dan Bradshaw, June 16, 1912. They had one daughter, Annabel Lee, and were residents of Barnett until they moved to Leeton in 1935. On August 10, 1941, Annabel Lee was married to Elliott Foster of Edgerton, Mo. They are parents of two sons, Brad (Elliott Bradshaw) and Mark Stephen. Brad is a farmer and with his wife, Nora, and two year old daughter, Caroline, lives near Edgerton. Caroline is named for her great-great-grandmother, Caroline Berkley, and shares her birthdate of November 14. Mark Stephen is a lawyer and lives with his wife, Mitzi, in Kansas City.

Velma was married to Floyd Ivy, November 19, 1911, and they were parents of one daughter, Carmen. The Ivys lived in Barnett until the early 1930's, when they moved to Versailles. Floyd died October 31, 1976, and is buried in Versailles Cemetery.

On January 28, 1939, Carmen was married to Joe Sparr of Jefferson City. He is a retired machinist, and they live in Versailles, near her mother, Velma Ivy. *by: Ann Bradshaw Foster*

## DANIEL BERKSTRESSER

In the early 1860's Daniel and Eliza Long Berkstresser together with his brother William and his wife Kathryn arrived in Morgan County. They had come as young men from Prussia Germany settling first in the state of Pennsylvania.



Daniel Berkstresser with twin granddaughters, Valla and Velma Arnold 1903

The two brothers settled on adjoining farms northwest of Versailles where Daniel farmed and operated a Brick Factory. William farmed and had a Blacksmith Shop. They also made Wagons and Buggies, were self sufficient for themselves and others.

Later on as the population grew Daniel gave land for a school which was called Number Four, later called Berkstresser School, although the school is no longer used an old school house still stands neglected and forgotten.

William gave land for a church and cemetery, the church was called Antioch Church of God.

Daniel and Eliza were the parents of seven children five attaining adulthood. The five were: Alpha who married Myron Sterns later on moving to the state of Ca. they had three children Steve, Arthur and Leona Jane married Jim Slocum and made their home in St. Louis their children were May, Mattie, Aubrey, William and Harry

Martha (Matt) married William Strickland lived near Versailles and raised three children Fannie, Dean and Hubbard. Ida who married George Arnold and made their home with

her father as her mother had passed away some years before, they were the parents of eight children: Modena, Audrey, (twins) Valla and Velma, Lucille, Sylvester, Robert, and Heneiman

Phila married Tobe (J.W.) Potter and had five children and made their home in Otterville, their children were Dean, Sue, Gordon, Mary and Rose.

Daniel died in 1916 and was buried beside his wife in Mt. Nebo Cemetery. George and Ida Arnold continued to live in the old home until 1936 when they moved to the state of Ca. for health reasons.

The property was later acquired by Ernest and Lorena Houseworth who in 1957 tore the old house down and built a new one which is now owned and lived in by Bill Todd.

Phila Berkstresser Potter youngest and last surviving child of Daniel and Eliza Berkstresser passed away in 1974 at the age of ninety three years and nine months.

Ada Friedly who lives and works in Versailles is a Great Granddaughter of Daniel and Eliza Berkstresser. *by Grace C. Duffy*

## DANIEL PUTT BERKSTRESSER

Daniel Putt Berkstresser was born 30 January 1848 in Pennsylvania, the oldest son of William W. and Elizabeth (Putt) Berkstresser. Elizabeth Putt died 17 March 1861, in Cambria County, Pa. William W. Berkstresser married Catherine R. Griffith, 4 July 1861. The family migrated to Morgan County in 1867 and homesteaded about 4 miles Northwest of Versailles, Mo. Daniel was 19 years of age, engaged in farming and mining. January 11, 1872, he married Elizabeth Sheckler, daughter of George W. and Susanah (Weaver) Sheckler. Purchasing 69 acres of land from Wm. H. Murray in 1880, Daniel and Elizabeth moved 3½ miles west of Versailles. Daniel P. Berkstresser died 27 Dec., 1887. Elizabeth (Sheckler) Berkstresser died 24 June, 1920. Their children were: Susan A., George W., M. Maude, and J. Oscar.

The oldest son of Daniel Putt and Elizabeth (Sheckler) Berkstresser was George Wm. Berkstresser, who was born in Morgan County, Mo., July 27, 1875. Feb. 21, 1904 he was married to Nellie Jane Smiley, daughter of Samuel and Nannie E. (Hughes) Smiley, by the Rev. J.E. Sims. He purchased 90 Acres of land from Wm. H. Murray and built the farm house 3½ miles west of Versailles. He attended the Salmon School while a young boy. In later years their children were also scholars of Salmon School, where he was president of the school board for 17 years. George Wm. was a man of many talents, also taking a great interest in the community, while he was an active and concerned politician. George Wm. and Nellie were both members of Antioch Church of God. He died 21 June, 1973, living to be the oldest, presently known, Berkstresser on record in America. He reached the age of almost 98 years of age. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery, beside Nellie J. (Smiley) Berkstresser. They were parents of 9 children, namely: Lois M., Elizabeth N., Dwight A., Rhea M., Hal O., George W. Jr. Leo E., Maude N., Gregg B. *Maud Sousley*

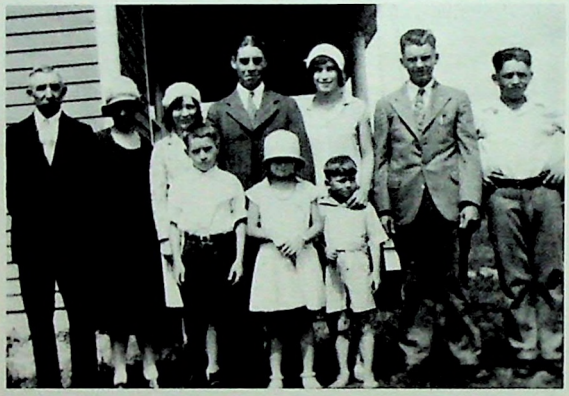
## GEORGE W. BERKSTRESSER, SR.

George W. Berkstresser, Sr., son of the late Daniel Putt Berkstresser and Elizabeth Sheckler Berkstresser, is the sixth generation of John George Berkstresser (Bergstresser), who immigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 1731, on the ship, *Pennsylvania Merchant.*

George, Sr., was born on July 27, 1875, in Morgan County, Mo., the first of four children. On Feb. 21, 1904, he married Nellie Smiley. George Berkstresser, Sr., was a farmer and stockman, and served as president of the Salmon school board for 17 years. He was also noted for his ability to repair wells, which brought relief and happiness to many families.

George Berkstresser, Sr., lived 3½ miles west of Versailles, until his retirement, when he and Nellie moved to Versailles and resided at 204 Dekalb Street. The couple had nine children: Lois, Elizabeth, Dwight, Rhea, Hal, George, Jr., Leo, Maude and Gregg. Three children — Elizabeth, Hal and Leo — preceded their father in death; as did his wife, in 1967.

George W. and Nellie (Smiley) Berkstresser



George W. Berkstresser Family
*Front, l-r:* Leo, Maude, Greg; *Back:* George W., Nellie, Lois, Dwight, Rhea, Hal, George Jr.

George W. Berkstresser, Sr., died June 21, 1973. He would have been 98 years old on his next birthday. *By George Berkstresser, Jr.*

## GEORGE W. BERKSTRESSER, JR.

George W. Berkstresser, Jr., son of George W. Berkstresser, Sr., and Nellie Jane Smiley Berkstresser, is a great-grandson of William W. Berkstresser, who immigrated from Pennsylvania to Missouri in December, 1867. George was born on July 12, 1915 at Versailles, Mo.; the sixth of nine children.

In January, 1941, he married Dorothy H. Houser. To this union were born five children: George, III; Rose Ann; Loretta, now deceased; Marilyn and Dorothy Diane. George worked as a mechanic and welder until he entered military service in November, 1942. After his return from armed service, he operated a garage and machine shop at Barnett, and also sold farm machinery until 1958, when he ran for the office of Morgan County collector and was elected to that post on the Republican ticket.

George Berkstresser, Jr., has held that office for the past five four-year terms, and was again re-elected in November, 1978. He is a past member of the Masonic Lodge No. 591, Barnett, Mo. He is past master of Masonic Lodge No. 591,

George Berkstresser Jr.

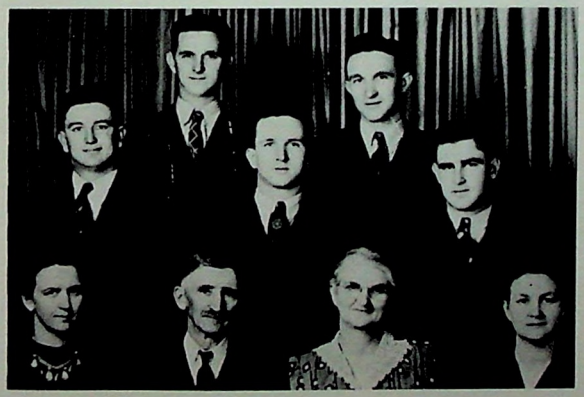
and has been district deputy grand master, 58th District of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, for 1977 through 1979.

He has been a member of American Legion Post 104 for the past 34 years, and has been post commander for 1978 and 1979. He also served as a member of the board of trustees for the Morgan County Health Center from 1960 to 1976, during which time the Morgan County Health Center building was erected. He was elected to the Morgan County Board of Education in 1955, a position he still holds, and is now secretary of the board.

He has been a member of the Versailles Lions Club for 20 years, having served as sight chairman for the past 12 years. He helped organize the Barnett Civic Center, and has been president of it since it was formed. George Berkstresser, Jr., has been active in many other civic and community affairs. *By George Berkstresser, Jr.*

## JAMES FORNEY BERKSTRESSER

James Forney Berkstresser was born Sept. 16, 1875 near Versailles. He was a son of William Wilhelm and Catherine (Griffith) Berkstresser. On Feb. 28, 1900 he married Fannie Taylor, who died in Versailles on Jan. 12, 1901.



*Front, l-r:* Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Forney Berkstresser, Audrey; *2nd:* Warren Virgel, Henry; *3rd:* Temme and Forney William.

On April 26, 1908 he married Augusta Temme, daughter of Chris and Christina (Flottman) Temme of Excelsior, Mo. She was commonly known as Gussie.

The family first lived on West Washington Street in Versailles, where most of the children were born. Then they moved to a farm they bought near the Berkstresser School, the school is now incorporated in the Morgan County R-II schools at Versailles.

Forney was assistant postmaster of Versailles for about ten years, 1904-1914. He was also county clerk of Morgan County 1914-1922. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife were members of the Church of God, which was next to their farm.

Forney and Augusta had seven children: Audrey, who married Burl Bohling and live at Perryton, Tex., their children are Barbara Augusta, James Carl and Burlene Audrey; Mildred, married Frank Leatherman and had one child, Betty Lou. Frank died Apr. 3, 1979, and Mildred still lives in Tustin, Calif; Temme Russell, married Dorene Kerns and lived in Covina, Calif., they had one son, Robert Gale. Temme died July 6, 1956 in Covina. Dorene lives at Seal Beach, Calif.; Forney William, married Lorraine Newton, they live at Lynwood, Calif.; Henry Leland, married Gwendolyn Cochran and live at Barnett, they have one son Jerry Leland; Virgel Keene, married Betty Heinrich, who live at Houston, Texas and have four children, Betty Keene, Peggy Jean, Terrell Lee, and Karry Kay; Warren Harden, married Esther Smith and live in Sedalia. Their children are Nellas Don and Pamela Gaye. *by Mrs. Henry Berkstresser*

## WILLIAM WILHELM BERKSTRESSER

William Wilhelm Berkstresser was born June 18, 1824 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was a son of John W. and Barbara (Sheckler) Berkstresser, being the fifth of their eight children, whose names are as follows: George, who died in 1884; Mary; John; David; Daniel S.; Henry; and Jacob S.

William Berkstresser remained under the shelter of the paternal roof until he was twenty years of age, at which time he began lumbering on the Susquehanna River, continuing for twenty odd years. He and his brother Daniel owned a small farm on that river, from which they rafted logs.

In March 1845, he was married to Elizabeth Putt. They were parents of the following 6 children: Daniel Putt, Sarah Ann, Mary Jane, William Henry, Frances Elizabeth and Susan Amanda. In 1861 his first wife, Elizabeth died.

In 1862 he married Catherine (Cassy) Griffith, by whom he had the following 10 children: Abraham Lincoln, Barbara Jane, Rebecca Jemimah, Clara Naomi, Emma Olive, Georgia Esther, James Forney, John Wilson, Adam Frederick and Jacob Sheckler.

In 1867 the family came to Missouri, where he purchased 200 acres of land in Morgan County, northwest of Versailles. He operated a sawmill for a number of years. In the meantime he cleared and improved his land. He built his house without any help and succeeded in putting about 150 acres into cultivation.

William and Catherine Berkstresser were two of the six organizers of the Church of God at Antioch, northwest of Versailles, in February 1869. This church for many years was the home church for the large family group which was descended from, or was related to William Berkstresser and to no small degree was a church for that group.

William Wilhelm was a member of The Wheel, the I.O.O.F. and Masonic fraternity. *by Mrs. Henry Berkstresser*

## DUDLEY GORDON BERRY

Dudley Gordon Berry was born in Madison County, Ky. April 5, 1853. In Nov. 1880 he and Annie Skinner rode their horses across the Kentucky River on ice to the old "Cand Springs Church" to be married. The church, over 150 years old, is still well preserved.

Soon after their marriage, they moved to Coffey County, Kans., where they engaged in farming and stock raising. While in Kansas, five children were born: George, Pearl, twins Ruth and Roger, and Mattie.

George married Eleanor Kenney and they farmed a few years. He operated a bank at Aliceville, Kans. for over 50 years. They had six children, Lucille, Anna Lee, Katherine, Bladen, Genevieve, and Ila Rhu. Pearl's husband, M.V. Sanders, was a farmer and stockman. Their children, Albert and Thelma, still reside in Kansas.

In 1905, after loading the horses, some cattle, household belongings and hound dogs into freight cars, the D.G. Berry family migrated to Morgan County by rail, where farming and

Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Berry
Parents of Mattie (Berry) Jones

stock raising was resumed. Mr. Berry became a familiar figure around Barnett, Mo. riding his Kentucky saddle mare.

Ruth married Harry Shirley soon after coming to Missouri and returned to Kansas, where they farmed and raised livestock. Their four daughters born were Lovelle, Audry, Wandah and Eileen. The family moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where the girls attended high school and college.

Roger married Maud Nail, a native of Morgan County, March 14, 1915. They farmed for several years then moved to Barnett and Roger worked for the Goodman Hardware Co. Their daughters, Elaine and Fern, attended school in Barnett until the family moved to Iowa.

Mattie taught two terms of school in Morgan County and was married to Kleber C. Jones on their birthdays, March 14, 1915.

Kleber was cashier of the Bank of Barnett. In 1918 they moved to Versailles, where he owned and operated a garage and sold cars and tractors. In 1924 Kleber was elected Morgan County clerk, serving in that office until 1932. He served as collector from 1932 to 1936, when the family moved to Jefferson City. Kleber worked in state offices until 1945 until he was commissioned in the Internal Revenue Service, and they moved to Columbia, in 1945.

Their four children born in Morgan County were Gordon, Alice Gray, Conway and Anna Pearl, the latter dying in infancy.

Gordon chose a career in the Navy and served as Naval Aviator. He retired as a Lieut. Commander after 25 years service.

Alice Gray married Douglas McLaren in 1940 and they lived in Columbia a few years. Their son, Gordon D. McLaren, was born there and is now an M.D. in a Cleveland, Ohio hospital. He has a son, Graham. Alice Gray died in 1958.

Conway (K.C., Jr.) married Patricia Ward of Jefferson City in May 1949. Their daughters are Linda, Ruth and Katherine.

## RALPH EMERSON BIAS

Ralph Emerson Bias was born March 16, 1895 at Gladstone, Mo. son of Clark Elfonzo and Jennie Lee Hasty Bias.

He married Martha Emma James, daughter of Mahlon Jordon and Amanda Butcher James on Oct. 13, 1917 at Gravois Mills, Mo.

He attended his first years of school at Gladstone and later at Rastorfer School, located near where Indian Creek empties into Gravois Creek. Two of his teachers were Pete Coffman and Dixie Phillips Myers.

He and his family lived for several years at Proctor, Mo., now inundated by the waters of the Lake of the Ozarks.

He was a farmer and laborer, working with pick and shovel at various mines in south Morgan County. He also sawed and cut trees which were hewed into railroad ties with a broad axe. These ties were hauled to Versailles by team and wagon. He also worked hauling gravel with team and wagon, using dump boards to load the gravel by hand. He pulled a scoop with team to help build old Highway 5 from Gravois Mills to Versailles.

He later worked for several years for Tweedie Footwear Corp. in Versailles, Hatler Motor Company and then leased and operated a service station until his retirement.

He had four brothers and four sisters, namely:

Quincy Allen, 1890-1915, married Josie Kays; William Franklin, 1898, married Elsie Garrison; Waldo Forrest, 1911-1945, married Minnie Spoor; Woodrow Farner, 1914, married Mildred Barnes; Anna Arizona, 1901-1976, married William Boyd McGinnis; Dora Alice, 1904-1957, married William Hays; Bonnie Lucille, 1906-1958, married Henry Johnson; Mary Edwarda, 1909, married William Davenport.

Ralph Emerson Bias had five children: Elva Virginia, married Phineas Silvey; Myron Lowell, married Gertrude Silvey; Ralph Jr., died in infancy; Marjorie Marie, married Boyd Drury, and Clark Samuel, married Dixie Hall.

Ralph Bias died October 1, 1967 at his home in Versailles. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. *Marjorie Drury*

## ALFRED MOORE HOUSTON BILLS

Alfred Moore Houston "AMH" Bills was born 18 Oct 1823 in Maury Co. Tn. His parents, Jonathan D. and Jane Wilks Bills had three other children when Jane died 13 May 1825. She was buried in the Houston family Cemetery. 20 months old Alfred and 11 year old James M. stayed with their father; 7 year old Malinda and 4 year old Blackston H. were reared by Berry Moore and his wife, Patsy, a sister of Jane. The children's grandparents, Daniel and Deborah Denman Bills and John and Jane Wilks lived nearby.

Alfred Moore Houston Bills

Nancy Cox Bills

About 1825, Jonathan D. married Katherine "Kate" Royal of the same area. He was one of the early landowners (1829) in Miller Co. Mo. was on the 1830 census of Cole Co. Mo., but in 1833, Katherine was "living separate and apart" in Maury Co. Tn. AMH's older brother, James M. filed for land in Miller Co. Mo. 1836 and in Morgan Co. Mo. in 1840. Jonathan D. died intestate, 1839 in Cole (or Dent) Co. Mo.

AMH married Mary Frances Taylor, daughter of Joseph D. and Judith Adcock Taylor, 30 Mar 1845 in Miller Co. Their children were: Mary Cynthia b. 25 Mar 1847 (married Moses P. Brown 15 Jul 1867); Nancy Melinda b. 30 Apr 1849 (m. Thomas Price Bond 8 Apr 1869); Judith Ann b. 20 Mar 1853 (m. Dr. Henry C. Jarvis 24 Sep 1871); (Dr.) Joseph Taylor b. 8 Jan 1855 (m. Nancy Jane Barger 1 Apr 1877); Jonathan Denman b. 28 Aug. 1857, died 1858; James Blackstone b. 19 Mar 1860 (m. Dora Connell).

The slavery issue between northern and southern states was causing family and neighbors to take sides, to hate and destroy each other. AMH had always been hot-tempered and

out-spoken. Although he was a well-known and respected doctor (he graduated 1854 from the Physio-Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio), his position did not save him from harassment. As he and his family were living on their homesteaded land in what is now Fort Scott, Kansas, a gang of men told the terrified Mary Frances to pack a wagon and be gone in 24 hours. The family fled, in the dead of winter, to her folks in Miller Co. Mo. Grief and exposure caused her death on 28 Dec 1861. She was buried in the Salem Cemetery near Eldon. Eight months later, 29 Aug 1862, AMH enlisted at Yellville, Ark. on the Confederate side, was taken prisoner at Cottonplant, Ark. then parolled. After the final surrender, he was released 7 Jun 1865 at Alexandria, La. He was reunited with his children and resumed his practice of medicine.

Nov. 14, 1866, AMH married 2) Nancy Jane Cox in Morgan Co. Seven of their children, born in Morgan Co. were: (Dr.) Richard Lee b. 9 Sep 1867 (m. Sallie Strange 2 Jun 1896); Alva B. b. 24 Dec 1868 (m. Aura Clendenin 28 Apr 1902); Mary Elizabeth b. 14 Oct 1870 (m. Nicholas Crowder 10 Feb 1895); Alfred M. "Bud" b. 14 Apr 1872 (m. Millie Ann Boan 20 Oct 1897); Lucy J. b. 31 Jul 1873, d. 1874; Louella b. 6 Feb. 1875 (m. James Correll 22 Oct. 1902); William E. b. 20 Mar 1877 (m 1st Rosa Bratton Aug 1899 and 2nd Olive Hudson 3 Jan 1909): Leota was born in Miller Co. 28 May 1880, (m. Oliver C. Logan 11 Mar 1900).

In 1877, AMH sold his Morgan Co. land and moved to Miller Co. The Morgan-Miller Co. cyclone of April 18, 1880 destroyed his 2-story home and office. He began to haul logs to re-build. A log rolled off the wagon and killed him 3 Aug 1880. He was buried in the Salem Cemetery beside his first wife, Mary Frances. Nancy Jane reared her children, died 24 Jan 1899 and was buried beside her husband and Mary Frances. — *Mabel E. Stevenson*

## EDWARD G. BLACKMAN

Edward G. Blackman — 1868-1954 — Married Frances Edna Feiandt of Boylers Mill in 1890. Not only did my father spent his entire life in Morgan County, but this can be narrowed down to one township of that county. However, he spent from 1916 to about 1924 as Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder in Versailles, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Blackman, Golden Wedding 1940

The Blackman ancestry goes back hundreds of years. We could go back farther, but this is sufficient to establish them as residents of America, long before there was a Missouri or Morgan County.

JOHN BLACKMAN, born 1656 Dorchester, Mass. Starting on this date and on down through the various BLACKMANS, we come down to Elisha Bennett Blackman — Edward G's father, who moved from Wilks Barre, Penn to Joliet, Ill, and after serving in the Union Army in the Civil War, moved farther west in 1865 and settled in the western part of Morgan County. Here, he constructed a hewn log house. It was in this house that grandfather died, after getting wet and contacting pneumonia from a deer hunting trip in 1879. It was in this house where Edward G. and his eight children were born.

There were older brothers and sisters — all born outside Morgan County, Edward G. — the youngest — the only one born in Morgan County. Sarah E. 1848, Wm. Henry, 1851, Charles E. 1853, Florence J. 1855, Nelson D. Mary E. 1862, Howard L. and my father Edward G. 1868-1954. All the BLACKMAN brothers and sisters, except Edward and Florence, who married Louis Hottman — another long time Morgan County Family, moved on much farther west to Walla Walla, Washington.

GERTRUDE L. Blackman, Daughter of E.G. Blackman, 1891-1971 taught school in Morgan County, married Earnest Wofford and lived in Odessa, Missouri. Her children were: Ernest W. Wofford 1923 and Norma Lee Wofford 1929.

RALPH MCKINLEY BLACKMAN *Son*, Born 1893, Boylers Mill, Mo. Spent two years in Versailles as Deputy Clerk and Recorder, served in the Navy — WWI. Moved to Iowa, where he served 40 years on the Illinois Central RR as a fireman and engineer. Retired in 1960. He was married to Zella Ann Wallace in 1929. He has one daughter, Barbara Lou 1936. Two grandsons, Scott and Steven live nearby.

Reed John, *son* born 1895, married to Loyetta Wiest, daughter of Dr. Wiest. Died in 1974. He and his wife had many interests — church, Legion, Scout etc. He had three children — Charles Edward, Ruth Evelin and Reed John Jr. He was retired from his work as a RR mail carrier. Charles Edward born 1921, Ruth 1924 and Reed Jr. 1927.

CHARLES DEWEY BLACKMAN, *son*, born Boylers Mill 1899. Retired from Postal work in Pleasant Hill, Mo. He was married to Hazel Williams in 1922. Their children were Bobby Ross 1928, and Margaret June born 1935. He taught school in Morgan County.

Claude Earl Blackman, Son, born Boylers Mill 1901. Worked at the carpenter trade around Stover. Was married to Opal Irene Rapp, 1927. Opal Irene died in 1929.

CORA MAE BLACKMAN, daughter, born 1903 Boylers Mill. Married to Louis Case 1923. Served as Deputy Recorder and Clerk Versailles. Her children were Harold 1923, Merl 1925, Donald 1929, Ila Mae 1932, Alice Ruth 1934 and Mary 1937.

BESSIE Irene (twin) 1906. Taught school in Morgan County. Married Willard Wall 1928. Willard passed away in 1967. Later married to GEORGE FRANK MANSUR.

JESSIE MARIE (twin) 1906 Married to Clarence Burke — divorced. She then married Leon Parker. Their Children were Wilma Jean Burke 1927, Roger L. Burke. (second marriage) Dianne Joyce Parker born 1944. *Mrs. Herbert Buenjes*

## DR. H.E. BLACKSTEN

Dr. Harvey Erwin Blacksten was born Oct. 27, 1861 in Ohio, the son of Daniel Blacksten and his wife. He was the youngest of nine children. In 1884 he was graduated from The University of Michigan School of Medicine at Ann Arbor, Mich.

He began the practice of medicine in Missouri shortly thereafter. On April 23, 1896 he married Jennie Flora Cress, who came to Missouri in a covered wagon train from Ohio when a small child. That year he built his second office in the southwest corner of the yard at his home at Excelsior, Mo.

Twelve children were born to them, four of whom died in infancy.

The other children were Palmer Blacksten, who was a clerk in a store in Excelsior for many years; Una Blacksten Shirley, a secretary to executives of the baggage department of Union Pacific Railroad in Kansas City until her retirement; Ousley Blacksten, an employee of Union Pacific Railroad in Kansas City, later retired to his farm east of Excelsior; Erwin Blacksten, who owned and operated the general store in Excelsior from 1942 to 1948, then farmed east of Excelsior until he retired and moved to Versailles; Grace Blacksten Freeman, whose husband was a machinist for Missouri Pacific Railroad in St. Louis, where she still lives; Mary Blacksten Gabriel, died in 1971, leaving one son and four daughters, all grown; Camille Blacksten Morris, who kept house for her mother and brother, Erwin. Had two daughters, Paddy Morris Kidwell and Peggy Morris Silvey, both of Versailles; Culley Blacksten, who taught school in Morgan County from 1931 to 1942, then served as a medic in the armed forces in World War II from 1942 to 1945. Operated the general store with his brother, Erwin until 1947 when he was elected circuit clerk and recorder of deeds of Morgan County. He held this office until he retired in 1974.

Dr. Blacksten practiced medicine in the Excelsior community for 55 years and was active in many civic services. Five of his children still live in Morgan county and four of his 25 grandchildren. They are Ronald Blacksten, lives on a farm east of Excelsior; Kathryn Blacksten Boetcher, lives on Rte. D north of Versailles and works at a turkey processing plant in California, Mo.; Peggy Silvey, lives in Versailles and has been employed at the K.C. Bifocal Plant there for twenty years; Paddy Kidwell, who has been a teacher in the Morgan County schools for 27 years. *by Paddy Kidwell*

## DEISON C. BLANKS

Several people by name of Blanks arrived in Virginia about 1620. One of these, Thomas Blanks, age 17, was in the muster of the Governors Men at Pasbehaigh, Va. 1634.

About 1735, Thomas (probably grandson of above Thomas) and Hannah Blanks settled in the Cub Creek Settlement, now Charlotte County, Va. John C. Blanks, believed to be a great grandson, of Thomas Blanks, married Sallie Bowling in Nelson County, Va. 1807 and moved to Amherst County where they had three children, among them Deison C. Blanks who married Sarah Rowland Lane in 1836, and moved to Morgan County, Mo. about 1864. They had ten children.

The children of Deison and Sarah Rowland (Lane) Blanks that settled in Morgan County, Mo. were: *Ann Marie Blanks*, married Wesley C. Boner, (she died, and her husband married her sister, *Sarah Francis Blanks.) Zachary Taylor Blanks*, came here, but returned to Va., and died 1923. *Sarah Francis Blanks*, married Ira Todd and later Wesley C. Boner. *George Dudley Blanks* married Matilda "Mattie" Estes. *Daniel Garland Blanks* married Virginia Adeline Morris.

The children of Sarah Francis Blanks and Ira Todd: *Ora Blanks Todd*, who married Louis Huffman and had a son, Joe Huffman.

The children of Sarah Francis Blanks and her second husband, Wesley C. Boner were: *John Boner William L. Boner* and *Mary Boner* who married first, John Stringer, and second, Thomas Sousley.

The Children of George Dudley Blanks, and Matilda F. Estes, were: *Roy Blanks* married Edna Cooper; *Annie Blanks* R.N. married Arley Moss; *William W. Blanks* married Matilda Duval of Barnett, Mo.

The children of *Daniel Garland Blanks* and Virginia Adeline Morris were: *Sarah Caroline Blanks*, married John William Nevis; *Ola Ann Blanks* married Harvey Fountain Hewitt; *James Newton Blanks* born 1884, died 1978 married Gertrude Yarnell.

James Newton Blanks, had two daughters: *Dorothy Blanks* (now deceased), married Shelby Winingham. *Meta Blanks* married Ray Winingham. The Winingham brothers, were sons of Harvey Winingham of Proctor and Versailles, a mail carrier for many years. Meta Blanks Winingham, resides Belleview, Nebraska.

Numerous descendants of the Blanks family reside or have lived in Morgan County, Mo.

## PETER BLOSSER

Peter Blosser, son of Rudolph and Barbara (Metzler) Blosser, born Feb. 7, 1847 in North Lima, Ohio. Married Feb. 4, 1872 to Elizabeth Weldy — born May 26, 1850, daughter of Abraham and Nancy (Yoder) Weldy of Wakarusa, Ind.

Soon after marriage they moved to Morgan Co. Missouri, on a farm seven miles north east of Versailles. They were charter members of the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church and, with all their children except those that lived in Illinois and Indiana, are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

The Blossers had rough going the first few years in Mo. A tragic storm went through the area in 1872 which killed Jacob Blosser and infant daughter Sophia. They lived on what is now the Cline farm, but were no known relation to Peter Blosser. Peter's house was blown over and badly damaged, also the house of John Drivers, but none seriously injured. After the storm Peter found his horses three miles from home — having gone with the storm. A coop with a hen and her baby chicks weren't moved from the yard.

Elizabeth Blosser was instrumental in starting preaching services near the Osage River, (by the Mt. Zion ministers). The Blossers were visiting their former neighbors, the Charley Fosters, then living down on the river. Mrs. Foster told Elizabeth she would love to hear Dan Driver preach again. When Elizabeth got home she told the leaders of the church, and it was arranged to preach in a school house near Carver. (There is a report of this in the Mt. Zion Centennial Book — 1871 to 1971).

Elizabeth died May 12, 1902, Peter on Oct. 14, 1914. They had eleven children, two died in infancy.

Barbara died at 23 in 1900. Levi, the oldest son, never married. Was the last one to leave the "home place," going to Indiana in the 1930's to be with his brothers, Sam and Henry. Levi died in 1942.

Samuel, born Sept. 5, 1874, Married Jan. 11, 1910 to Maggie Stichter, settling in Ind. Samuel July 23, 1955 in Goshen, Ind. Maggie is still living.

Henry, born Oct. 6, 1885 and died March 22, 1960. Married Celia Bixler Jan. 2, 1911, near Ashley, Indiana. Henry worked and farmed north of Excelsior and around Versailles a number of years before moving to Ind. Celia is also still living.

Annie died in Indiana in 1945. Fidella (Della) married Joe Gingerich Jan. 8, 1939 in Peoria, Illinois. He was formerly from Iowa and was called "Bee Joe" as he had very many bees. He died in 194—and Della Aug. 10, 1948.

Elvina went to Colorado Springs for her health in the 1920's and died there Feb. 26, 1941.

John R. born Oct. 16, 1890, married Jan. 1, 1914 to Anna Daniels at Marvin, Mo. They had two children, Robert, living in Jefferson City, Mo., and Grace (Mrs. Ralph Jones) Wooster, Ohio. John died Nov. 18, 1918 of the "Flu Epidemic". Anna and his brother Joe could not attend his funeral as both were also in bed with Flu. Anna married William Rauschlebach in 1922. He died in 1959. Anna died Sept. 9, 1978, and is buried in the cemetery near her old home at Marvin, Mo.

Joseph D., youngest son, born April 5, 1893. Married Dec. 24, 1922 to Katie E. Hostetler at Shelbyville, Ill. Lived on the "home farm" in Morgan Co. until the following fall, when they moved to Illinois. Lived in several locations in Ill. until 1965 they moved back to Mo., Settling in Polk Co., where he still resides. They had four children. Dorothy Ellen (Mrs. Olan Swartzentruber), John David, both of Halfway, Mo., Paul, of Purdy, Mo., and Ernest, of Tampico, Ill. Katie died March 30, 1975.

Peter Blosser was a good farmer, though never gaining great wealth, owned 120 acres of land, free of debt. They raised their family to be honest law-abiding citizens. *by Joe Blosser*

## HENRY BOHLING

The Bohling family has lived in Morgan County since the middle of the nineteenth century. They came here as immigrants from Germany. The dates of the early history are vague, but, the earlier arrivals came to St. Louis, Missouri and settled in Mid-Missouri counties.

Dr. Henry Bohling, my grandfather, was a doctor of the earlier family doctor variety. His wife was Mary Kahrs. There were four children. Dr. Bohling had four brothers I know about, Dr. Cord Bohling, John Bohling, lawyer, Harman Bohling, farmer, and Louis Bohling, farmer. Dr. Henry Bohling was tragically stricken at the age of thirty some years with flu and pneumonia which he contracted by waiting on patients with the disease.

John Bohling, Charles Bohling, my aunt Etta and aunt Gusta and grandmother, Mary, were left alone. I believe grandfather Henry was practicing medicine in the Pettis-Morgan county areas when he died. Later my grandmother, Mary Bohling, married Harman Bohling and they settled in the High Prairie community near Stover, Mo. They became parents of Frank Bohling and Lillie Bohling, my uncle and aunt.

John Bohling, my father, married Effie Rowland of another long line of Morgan Countians. I, Norma Gene Bohling Jones am their only child. I live in rural Cole Camp, Mo.

Charlie Bohling married Phoebie Lutjen and they became the parents of Norman and Mildred, who reside in Kansas City and Salina, Kans.

My aunt Gusta married Mr. Momberg of Sedalia and they became parents of Raymond and Eva. Raymond is deceased and Eva resides near her daughter in a western state.

My aunt Etta married and had one son. They reside in Indiana. My uncle Frank married aunt Robin Ward. They resided in Versailles in later years and were the parents of Ward, Helen, Merle, J.W., Stanley and Larry. Ward lives in Oregon, Helen in Virginia, Merle, Stanley and Larry in Iowa, and J.W. near St. Louis, Mo. My aunt Lillie married a Mr. Parker, W.J. Schaper and Walter Warnke. She resided in Versailles until her death and had no children.

Aunt Robin Bohling, the only survivor of my parents' generation, lives in Versailles.

My great-uncle Cord was a doctor in Sedalia for a number of years. His son, Walter, became a member of the Missouri Supreme Court. My great uncle, John, was a lawyer in Sedalia. His son, Atwell, for a number of years was actively associated with the Sedalia Business College. My great-uncle Louis, a life long farmer of Morgan County, was the father of Mabel Bohling Hampy and Gertrude Bohling Wagner.

I am married to Edward Jones, who is a relative of Mart Jones and many other Jones families of Morgan County. My daughter, Melanie Gay Marriott, is married to David Marriott, who is a descendant of two long-time Morgan County families, the Marriott's and the Todd's. David's mother is Thelma Todd (Mrs. Barton Marriott), long time teacher in Morgan County and Versailles schools. My daughter is on the faculty of Morgan County R-II schools and her two young daughters, Jennifer and Josia, make the fourth generation to live on the old Todd farmstead near Versailles. *by Norma Gene Bohling Jones*

## JUDGE A.J. BOLINGER

Judge Arthur Joel Bolinger (b. Feb. 2, 1881-d. May 10, 1977) was born in Longton, Elk County, Kansas, the son of William Bolinger (1846-1928) and Ada Adelia Hostetter (1853-1935), who were of Alsac-Lorraine and Germany.

Arthur Joel (known as A.J.) spent his boyhood in Longton and Eureka, Kans. He moved with his parents to Eureka in 1894 where he attended the Southern Kansas Academy, graduating in 1898. The family farmed near Eureka and later had a furniture store and tinsmithy in town.

Judge A.J. Bolinger

In 1900 the family moved to Topeka, Kans. where A.J. enrolled at Washburn College. While there A.J. earned money delivering newspapers on horseback. He helped found and was president of a Socialist Club, which almost caused him to be expelled from college. He organized a college band, played cornet, and was a charter member of Tau Delta Pi. He joined a "regiment of crusaders" for Carrie Nation that demolished a number of saloons.

At Washburn College he met Nellie Gertrude Ott, daughter of the pastor of Topeka's First Lutheran Church, Hamilton Ott. They were married June 9, 1906. One son, Dwight, was born to them.

Bolinger originally planned to study medicine but was inclined toward the law by two lawyer acquaintances and spent his summers reading law under a friend and teacher, N.H. Loomis, an approved way of entering the Bar at that time. In 1903 Washburn opened a School of Law and he combined his last two years of college with his three years there.

After receiving his A.B. in 1905, Bolinger went to the Indian Territory. He passed the Bar examination in Federal District Court at Okmulgee, Indian Territory, capitol of the Creek Nation, and the following year set up law practice in Weleetka. Here he edited a Democratic newspaper, the New State Democrat, 1906-07. Arthur and Gertrude returned to Topeka in 1907 and there he ran unsuccessfully for the office of judge of the city police court. He worked for several law firms and was assistant county attorney 1909-1910.

Gertrude died in 1915. On Aug. 1, 1916 he married Ella Bowles Harrison, a descendant of President Benjamin Harrison. They had three children, Ruth, William and Mary.

In 1919 they moved to a farm near Stover, where their daughter Ruth was born in January, 1921. That year they moved to Versailles and Bolinger resumed his law practice, and in December that year their son, Bill, was born. Four years later their daughter, Mary, was born.

A.J.'s law practice in Versailles was varied. He represented the Rock Island Railroad and many of the residents in south Morgan County whose land was bought by Union Electric Company prior to the formation of the Lake of the Ozarks. He was chairman of the Morgan County Republican Committee for many years. For almost twenty years he was city attorney in Versailles. In 1941 Gov. O'Donnell appointed him Judge of the Probate and Magistrate Courts, in which capacity he served until his defeat in 1966. He was president of the Missouri Association of Probate Judges (1955-56) and of the Missouri Bar Committee. He helped rewrite the state's Probate Code.

At the age of 84 he returned to private law practice and argued and won his last case at age 93. His avocation was writing poetry. His one published book, "Mine Eyes Unto the

Hills", reflects his attitude toward the Creator, the bustle of court day and the quiet solitude he found in the Ozark hills.

A.J. died May 10, 1977 at age 96. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

His descendants are Dr. Dwight Bolinger, his son, Bruce Bolinger, of California, a daughter, Ann (nee) McClure and her children, Bruce, Ewan and Alan, of Aberdeen, Scotland.

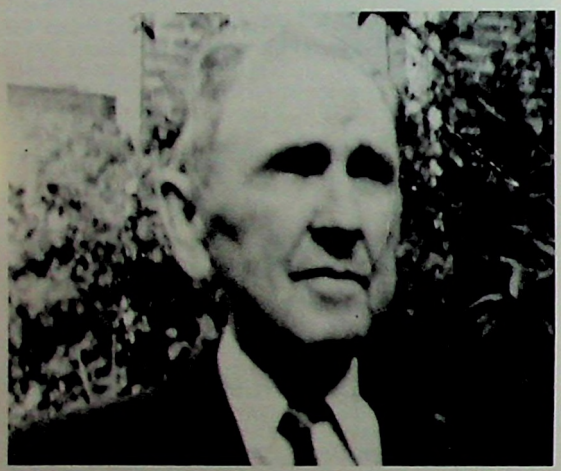
A daughter, Ruth Bolinger McKinley and her daughter, Mary (Concannon) and her children, Sean, Erin, Stephen and James, Concannon, of Versailles.

A son, William Bolinger, now judge of the Probate and Magistrate Courts, and his son, William, II, of Versailles.

A daughter, Mary (Barker) of the state of California and her daughter, Allison (Evans) and her oldest son, Ross, and his daughters, Marijke, Coral and Patience Barker. *by Dwight Bolinger and Mary Concannon*

## PRESLEY W. BOND

Presley W. Bond was born Dec. 30, 1869 in Morgan County, Mo. and died Nov. 6, 1952 at his home in Versailles. He was the son of Hezekiah (Ki) Bond, the first city marshal of Versailles.



Presley W. Bond

He was married Sept. 16, 1874 to Lucy May Duff. They were the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy. Their other children were Warren (April 5, 1897 — Nov. 20, 1967), Lloyd (Boots) and Maud (Marriott). They also raised a granddaughter, Helen Bond, daughter of Maud, in their home until she finished high school in Versailles.

Mrs. Bond had one brother, Sylvester Duff, and three sisters, Mrs. Belle Duff Snorgrass, Laura Duff Thomas and Mollie Duff Clark.

Presley W. Bond, called "Press" by his friends was in the barbering business in Versailles for sixty years until he retired in 1946. At the time he had his barber shops, his customers kept their own shaving mugs and brushes with their names on them setting on a shelf in the shop. In the 1930's he had a sign on the door of his shop that read, "Haircuts 25¢, Any Size Head." At one time, when his barber shop was located in the basement of the First National Bank building, at the corner of East Newton and North Monroe streets, now the Ben Franklin Store, he shaved Cole Younger, notorious outlaw. However, he didn't know who he had shaved until he had paid his bill and left the shop. Press was well known for his witty remarks. Commenting on unfounded tales in Versailles during the depression days he said, "You can hear anything in Versailles except the sound of ham and eggs frying."

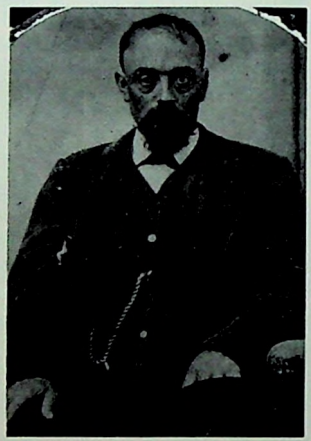
The Bond's son, Warren was born in Versailles. He served as Morgan County treasurer for several years and after that was in the insurance business for a number of years. On May 29, 1941 he married Ruth Edna Henderson. They had one child, Judith Ann. Warren died unexpectedly at his home in Warrensburg of an apparent heart attack.

Lloyd (Boots) Bond was born in Versailles and on Aug. 30, 1930 married Thressa Buchanan, daughter of Christopher Columbus and Fannie Buchanan of Eldon. They have no children.

"Boots" was an employee for many years of Tweedie Footwear Corp. and was foreman of the Tweedie Defense Plant in Versailles during World War II. He was night marshal in Versailles for many years and, now retired, is custodian of the Morgan County Bank in Versailles. Mrs. Bond was also employed at the Tweedie Defense Plant, the Kansas City Bifocal Co. and retired from the Fashion Shop.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON BOND

September 12, 1847 a son was born to James and Philena BOND at their home in Osage township, Morgan County, Mo. He was named Thomas Jefferson after the brother of James.



Thomas Jefferson Bond

James and his family had moved to Morgan County from St. Francois County, Missouri between 1830-1840 along with his brother, his wife's parents, Hezekiah and Sarah PEARL, and their families. James and Jeff BOND had married sisters, Philena and Julia Delilah PEARL.

After 1850 James and Philena left Morgan County, leaving behind two married daughters; Elizabeth, who had married Peter SOUSLEY in 1855; and Martha Jane, who had married William FOSTER in 1857. Philena died on this journey. Tom BOND said the last time he saw his mother, was on a flat-boat going down the Black River during a flood. James remarried and had more children, George L. being one.

After the Civil War Thomas Jefferson BOND homesteaded in Howell County, Missouri near his brother, Newton. He married Mary Ann BUCK in November of 1869. They had five children; Sarah Isabelle, Mary Jane, Clara Frances, Daniel Augustus, and Ida Ann. Only Mary Jane survived childhood and married Joseph P. PILAND of Ozark County. Mary Ann BOND died July 25, 1879.

Tom married second to Martha Jane Grammer and moved to South Fork in southcentral Howell County, where he hoped to prosper. Two children were born to them; David Lincoln and Rosa Alice, who died young. Martha Jane died here March 23, 1885. David married and moved to Oregon.

Thomas married a third time, October 24, 1885, to a young schoolteacher, Susan Alice LOGAN, a native of Montgomery County, Missouri. After 1891 they moved to Ozark County where they reared a family of eight; Logan, Pearl, Newton, Corbin, Granville, Mazie, Coleman, and Elva.

John Alexander Logan BOND married twice with two children resulting from the first marriage with Fannie Adams; Esther and Enoch.

Pearl Bryan BOND married twice with two children resulting from his first marriage to Paralee DANIELS.

William Newton BOND married Leona GRAHAM and reared a family of seven on his farm at Rosehill, Kansas.

Corbin Vascus BOND married Alta WELLS and had three children.

Granville Garret BOND married Nannie RYAN. No children. Granville retired from Mobil Oil and lives at Lyons, Kansas.

Mazie Allene BOND married Archie Allen HERREL and had two children. Archie retired in 1958 after 35 years for Mobil Oil and moved to Sunrise Beach, Mo. where Mazie now lives.

George Coleman BOND married Helen MARTIN and adopted a son, Stephen Michael. They live at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Elva Etolia BOND married Thomas Hubert CLARK and had two sons. They retired from a farm and live in Jerome, Idaho.

Thomas Jefferson BOND died December 8, 1942, age 96, in Douglas county and is buried in Homeland Cemetery, in Howell County, Missouri, beside two wives and five children, who had all preceded him in death. Susan Alice BOND died February 17, 1937 and is buried in Wasola Cemetery in Ozark County. *by Mazie Herrel*

## JEMIMA (NEWKIRK) BOWEN

Jemima Newkirk Bowen, daughter of Catherine Drake and Tunis Newkirk was born March 3, 1797 in Bullitt County, Ky. She was married to Thomas L. Bowen May 5, 1816 in Bullitt County. Thomas, son of Mary Stone and Thomas Bowen Sr., born about 1786 at New Hartford, N.Y. in Oneida County. Four of their children were born in Bullitt County, Ky. and the last child in Indiana. It was here in Indiana, that Thomas Bowen died March 11, 1836.

West View School — before it was moved it was called "Bowen School"

So Jemima made the move westward to Morgan County, Mo. with her people, the "Newkirks". Yes, she was indeed a pioneer woman, such a young widow making the move westward over the Wilderness Trail in a covered wagon with her five small children in the autumn of 1836.

The first record we find of her, that she settled near her brothers David and Peter Newkirk, on what was later known as the Elmer McPherson Farm. All the Newkirks and people that came on the wagon train had to build their homes when they came, so no doubt Jemima's brothers and neighbors helped build a house for her and her five small children.

Jemima helped organize the first school in this wilderness country, (Deed book 3, page 169) in Morgan County, states she was the only woman on the school committee. The men listed were, Peter Newkirk, Drake Newkirk, Charles Newkirk, William Finley, William McGee, Thompson Mullin, John B. Dritt, James D. Thixton, Corneling Pickens and William Fulks. This early school committee bought this land, one acre from David S. Newkirk for one dollar, on Feb. 19, 1840, and named it Mount Pleasant School. But the people called it the "Bowen School", as it was just across the road from the Bowen home and there were so many Bowen children in school. This school was built of logs, later this school was moved south and they called it West View. In 1845 this part of Morgan county helped form Moniteau County, and West View is on the County line, yet many from Morgan Co. attended school here.

Jemima died Jan. 26, 1849 and was buried in the Newkirk Cemetery, southeast of Fortuna, Mo. in an unmarked grave. Her children were the following.

Drake N. Bowen was born Dec. 17, 1821, first married Manervy Jane Rendle Dec. 16, 1852. Drake's second wife was Delila Richardson, they were married Feb. 27, 1856. Both buried at Newkirk Cemetery.

Elisha J. Bowen, born Dec. 13, 1822, served in the Civil War, never married, died Oct. 29, 1899, buried Newkirk Cemetery.

Charles David Bowen born Sept. 8, 1825, first married Cynthia Calvert Dec. 19, 1847. She died 1885 and Charles married Mary Ann James on Nov. 13, 1887. Charles and both of his wives are buried at the Newkirk Cemetery.

Catherine "Kitty" Bowen born May 22, 1829 Mount Washington, Ky. married Jefferson Randall May 31, 1847. Kitty had a tragic death, coming home from Carthage, Mo. after a visit with her children, arriving at Tipton Depot in the night and confused in directions, going east down the railroad track, and the next morning she was found in the Railroad Reservoir. She was still alive but died a few minutes later. She is buried in an unmarked grave in Newkirk Cemetery, and so is Jeff her husband.

Martha J. Bowen born Feb. 13, 1832 in Indiana, first married Carrol Rowie. Then in 1850 Martha married James Benton Howard, son of Nancy Robertson and Wade Howard. Martha died April 17, 1906, buried Masonic Cemetery Tipton by her husband.

Drake and Charles both stayed in Morgan Co. and raised a large family.

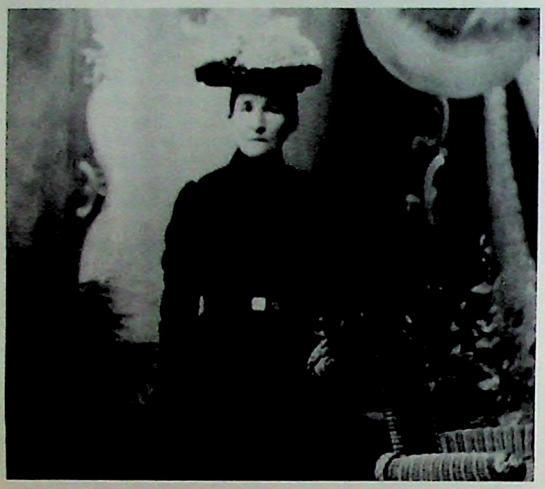
## SUSAN FRANCES (SHECKLER) BOWEN

Susan Frances Sheckler was born 4 miles N.W. of Versailles, in a log house on her grandfather's farm, William W. Berkstresser, 15 September, 1873. She was a daughter of Jacob M. and Sarah (Berkstresser) Sheckler. 25 Oct., 1890 she was married to George William Bowen in Versailles at the home of their minister, Dr. S.V. Sterner. George William was a son of William T. and Sadie Ellen (Lutman) Bowen.

Jacob Sheckler

They left by train for the state of Washington and arrived in Seattle, then went up the Sound by boat, and proceeded by

pack train, later walking some distance on their journey to Forks Prairie, Washington on their honeymoon, enroute to the home of James and Mary (Sheckler) Anderson and their family, who had staked claims in this locality after leaving Morgan County. They returned to Morgan County in January 1891.



Sarah Berkstresser Sheckler Hodges

Dan and Mable Bradshaw — Wedding Day June 16, 1912

They were parents of six children, Harry Clay, Oscar W., C. Lester, Jewel D., Sadie Ellen and Lela Marie. They moved to Fort Morgan Colo. 1895-98. They lived also in Weldona and Denver where G. William was a police officer.

The family later moved to Portland, Ore. G. William Bowen died 18 August, 1929 at Portland, Ore. Susan F. (Sheckler) Bowen died 10 May, 1970, near Tualatin, Ore. at almost 98 years of age.

Sadie Ellen Bowen was born 7 September, 1900, daughter of George William and Susan Frances (Sheckler) Bowen. 23 April, 1917, she was married to George E. Erickson at Corvallis, Ore., a son of Peter Charles and Agusta (Dietrich) Erickson. They lived in Portland, Ore., where he was an engineer in new home construction. Their four daughters are: Bessie M. born 9 Feb., 1918. Ethel M. born 20 July, 1922. Vera R. born 14 May 1924. Norma J. born 4 March, 1928. George Erickson died 6 March, 1964. Sadie E. (Bowen) Erickson lives at Tulation, Oregon.

Lela Marie Bowen was born 14 July, 1903, daughter of George William and Susan Frances (Sheckler) Bowen. 18 July, 1926, she married Oscar Anderson, son of Julius and Ingaborg (Versing) Anderson at Portland, Ore. He is a retired postal clerk. They have one daughter, Marilyn J. born 15 Feb. 1928. Lela and Oscar live in Portland, Ore.

## JAMES OWEN BRADSHAW

Early members of the Bradshaw family arrived in the American Colonies from England shortly after the execution of King Charles I. They settled in North Carolina, near Wilmington. In the early 1800's James Owen Bradshaw, accompanied by his widowed father, William Owen, migrated to Missouri by an oxen-pulled wagon train. He married Matilda Baker, a Morgan County girl, and they were parents of eight children, the eldest of whom was William Leonard, born in 1860.

In 1890, William Leonard was married to Hannah Daniels of Marvin, and they settled on the family farm about one-half way between Versailles and Barnett. He was a farmer, and was for several years president of the Bank of Barnett. He died in 1918, and Hannah in 1945. Both are buried in Beulah Cemetery.

Hannah and Leonard were parents of eight children: James Daniels, Ivor Eugene, William Leonard, Jr., Agnes, Tilla Marie, Isaac Newton, George Dixon and Harold Cedric.

The eldest son, James Daniels (1891-1947), married Mabel Elizabeth Berkley June 16, 1912, and lived in Barnett, where for several years he owned the lumberyard. Also, for a brief period, after the death of his Uncle Samuel Daniels, Dan was editor of the Versailles Leader. In 1935, he became the lumberman at Leeton, Mo. After his death in 1947, Mabel moved to Edgerton in Platte County to be near their daughter, Annabel Lee. She died in 1964, and is buried with Dan in Beulah Cemetery.

Annabel Lee (Ann) lived in Barnett until she left for college in 1934. She came to Edgerton as a teacher, and in 1941 was married to Elliott Foster. They have two sons: Elliott Bradshaw (Brad) who lives with his wife, Nora and daughter, Caroline, on their farm near Edgerton; and Mark Stephen, a lawyer, who with his wife, Mitzi lives in Kansas City.

Ivor Eugene (1894-1972), was married to Pearl Tipton of Barnett in 1922. After moving from Barnett with their three children, they made their home in Warrensburg. Their oldest child, Eugene Tipton, gave his life in World War II. Helen Marie is married to Floyd Rickard of Desloge, Mo., and they live in Rockford, Illinois. Their children are Gene, Anne and Kathryn. William David married Dorothy Weir, and for twenty-one years was a physician at Clinton, Mo. They now live in Columbia. Their daughters are Deborah and Jane.

William Leonard, Jr. (1896-1964), married Doris Crump of San Jose, California. They resided in Columbia for many years, where he was professor of political science and Dean of the B&PA School, until his death in 1964. Their son, Bill, lives in Oakland, California, with his wife and children, Andrew and Carolyn. Their foster son, John Jutton, and his family live in St. Louis.

Agnes Bradshaw (1898- ), was married to S.E. Overfelt of Clarence, Mo. Their son, Sam, a lawyer, lives in Jefferson City with his wife and sons, Craig, Eric and David.

Tilla Marie (1900- ), married George Crum of Eldon in 1929, and they lived in Kansas City where he was a realtor until his death in 1970. Their daughter, Mary Sue, is married to

John Paintin. They have three daughters, Christine, Linda and Nancy.

Isaac "Ike" (1902-1971), a farmer and carpenter, lived on a farm near Versailles. He died in 1971 and is buried at Beulah Cemetery.

George (1906- ), was married to Gwendolyn Madole in 1939. For many years they lived on the family farm, but for the past eight years have resided in Versailles. Their daughter Kathleen, is married to Charles Jobe, and they with their daughter, Kristie, live in Jefferson City.

Harold (1909- ), is married to Virginia Claxton of Hartville, Mo. They live in Austin, Texas, where he owns a Visual Aids Business. They have one daughter, Joanne. *Submitted by Mrs. Elliott (Ann Bradshaw) Foster*

## JOHN C. BREEN

The Breen family came from Holland to the United States in the early 1800's, settling in New Jersey. One of the brothers, Cornelius Breen, went to Chicago, where he met and married Johanna Crone, also of Dutch descent. They later moved to Missouri. Mr. Breen engaged in farming in Camden County with the Earnest Libby family, former sheriff of Camden County. They lived there from 1898 until the fall of 1904, when they settled in the old Zebra area.

They were parents of four children, Mary Margaret, Bert, John, and Thomas. There are no living members of this original part of the family.

John Clarence Breen was born at Tuscumbia, Missouri on March 1, 1888. Living there only a short time they moved to Camden County where John lived with the Libby family and later on with his brother, Bert, in Jefferson City. John was inducted into the army in 1918 and served until the end of World War I.

John Clarence Breen and Della Walls Coleman were married February 22, 1922 in Camden County, living near old Linn Creek and Shawnee Bend area until the construction of the Lake of the Ozarks, when they moved to Barnett. There were six children, Lottie Mae, Eunice, Grace, Bert, Joyce, and Mary Helen. All were born in Camden County. The family came to Versailles during the depression in the 1930's, where John worked in the Morgan County Welfare Office, later working at the city cemetery and the K.C. Bifocal in Versailles.

Mrs. Breen was the mother of two children by a previous marriage, Lester M. Coleman and Thelma Breen.

Thelma married Thomas Brinkley and they lived in Independence, Mo. They had two children, Wanda Brinkley Stechman of Kansas City and Charles L. Brinkley of Blue Springs, Missouri. Thelma has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lester married Leota Rasa of the Stover area. Four children were born, Lester Jr., Edward, Leon, and Patsy. Patsy died in infancy. Lester and Leota are both dead. They had eight grandchildren.

Lottie married Louis Copeland in Kansas City, Mo. They had one daughter, Debra Kay Copeland Oesch. Louis died in 1973 and is buried in the Versailles cemetery. Lottie married Vernon W. Jones in 1975. They live in Harrisonville, Mo.

Eunice married Earl Barrett and they live in Kansas City. She has one son by a previous marriage, Emmett Dean McNeil, and one grandchild.

Grace married Norman Thatcher, who was also from Morgan County. Four children were born to them, James C., Terry, Patrick, and Lynn Joyce Thatcher Montgomery. They all live in Independence. Grace has four grandchildren.

Bert Breen married Cloe M. Uptergrove of Barnett. They were the parents of three children, Bob, John and Jane Breen. Bert died on October 17, 1977 at his home in Barnett after a long illness.

Joyce married John J. Stafford also from Morgan County. They are the parents of five sons Gary, Cary, Jerry, and Mark. One son Kevin died in infancy. They reside in Versailles.

Mary Helen married Jewel H. Kumberg of Versailles. They live on a farm west of Versailles with their three children James H., Danny and Tammy. Mary Helen has four children from a former marriage Rebecca, John, Sara and Dianne Hibdon. She has four grandchildren.

John C. Breen and Mary Alma Hopkins were married at Versailles on Feb. 15, 1942. John C. Breen died at his home March 4, 1958 and was buried in the Versailles cemetery. *Joyce Breen Stafford*

## COLEMAN LOWREY (COLEY) BRIDGES

Coleman Lowery (Coley) Bridges was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, June 6, 1821. It is not known in what year he came to Morgan County but it must have been at an early age because in 1841 he married Eliza Spencer in Versailles. He opened the first saddle shop in Versailles and became a Methodist circuit rider minister. One of the churches on his circuit was Rock Spring Church, southwest of Fortuna. Coley and Eliza spent the rest of their lives in Morgan County. They had ten children, three of whom died in infancy. Rev. Bridges died in 1899 and his wife in 1900. Both are buried at Syracuse, Missouri.

Dr. Bridges and Sons
*Front:* Wad, Jim, Dr. Bridges, John; *Back:* Oscar, Thad, Hal.

Thaddeus Rowin Bridges, their oldest child, was born April 19, 1843 near the present site of Syracuse. In 1871 he married Sarah Frances Inge and they had eleven children. In spite of a large family and sickly wife, Thaddeus left his family in the hands of his oldest son, Jim, and entered St. Louis Medical College in St. Louis, Missouri.

He announced the practice of medicine and surgery on September 10, 1865 and practiced medicine in Morgan County for forty years. Among the places he lived included Syracuse, Self's Prairie and Akinsville. He died in 1912 and he and his wife are buried at Syracuse.

James Coleman Bridges, oldest son of Thaddeus and Sarah, was born November 11, 1871. He helped his father about the home and in his practice of medicine. His desire to also become a doctor was fulfilled in his ministering to the sick in the family or neighborhood and with livestock.

He married Edna Eliza Robertson and, after their first child was born, they lived on a farm one mile south of Fortuna, where they lived until his death October 17, 1938. They had four children. Both buried at Syracuse.

Claud Edward Bridges was born May 7, 1903, the only son of Jim and Edna's to remain in Morgan County. He married Bernice Edna Drake in 1930. Claud was a farmer and carpenter. They had two sons, Claud died in 1964 and is buried at Versailles.

William Edward Bridges was born January 4, 1935, son of Claud and Bernice. He married Shirley Chamberlain and they had two daughters. Bill and his oldest daughter, Debra, live in Morgan County.

William Waddy Bridges was born March 16, 1880, son of Dr. T.R. and Sarah Bridges. He married Bertie Mae Robertson, sister of Jim's wife, Edna. They farmed near Fortuna. They had three daughters. The oldest, Bonnie Lee, married Jennings Harrison and they lived in Morgan County.

Wad and Bertie moved to Fortuna when their health failed. He died in 1967 and both he and his wife are buried in Syracuse. *Written by Erma Lee (Carter) Johnson, granddaughter of James Coleman Bridges*

## DONALD THAYER BROOKS

Donald Thayer Brooks, born 26, September 1916, Wyandotte County, Kansas and wife Mildred Vivian Huffman, born 23, January 1921, Cass County, Missouri bought property on the Lake of the Ozarks April, 1969, moving permanently to the property located in Osage Township, Morgan County, in the Buck Creek Arm of the Lake, March 31, 1971.

After serving in World War 2, with the Combat Engineers on the Island of Attu in Alaska, Donald Thayer Brooks, an "Over the Road" driver, retired from Navajo Freight Lines in Kansas City, Missouri, after 38 years of driving for several Freight Lines in the Kansas City area. He, and wife, Mildred, resided in Liberty Missouri, Clay County, prior to moving to the Lake area. His father, Raymond Thayer Brooks, born 21, November 1886, Nemaha County, Kansas, died 13, May 1953, Jackson County, Missouri (Adopted by Albert Acres Brooks, born 16, October 1843, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, a Civil War Veteran, died 18, September 1917, Leavenworth County, Kansas, and Mary Arvilla Thayer, born 23, March 1850, Trumbull County, Ohio, died 16, February 1938 Wyandotte County, Kansas. Both being teachers, Mary Arvilla Thayer being a music teacher and Albert being a teacher in the Public Schools of Education of Kansas).

Donald's mother, Mary Lincoln Sleighter, born 26, May 1899 Johnson County, Missouri, died 3, February 1973 Randolph County, Missouri, married Raymond Thayer Brooks 14, May 1914, Jackson County, Missouri. They lived in Lee Summit, Missouri, where Donald's older brother, Raymond Albert Brooks was born, 30, July 1915, Jackson County, Missouri, and married Mary Louise Hohensinner 5, April 1937. Donald's mother is a descendant of a long line of Johnson, Lafayette County ancestors, her parents, William Hugh Sleighter, born 18, January 1873, died 22, January, 1904 (son of Godlieb Sleighter, born 4, September 1829, Germany and wife Mary Jane —born 30, May 1842, Germany, died 16, October 1895, both buried Johnson County, Missouri) and Maggie Lee Woolery, born 14, November 1882 Johnson County, Missouri, died 20, January 1944 (daughter of James Albert Woolery born 23, April 1857, Missouri, married Mary Lincoln Cox, born 17, October 1861 Johnson County, Missouri, died 9, June 1937, daughter of Isom Cox born 10, April 1833, died 13, October 1915 (born in Lafayette County, Missouri, son of Christopher Cox) and Mary Potts, born 29, April 1835 Johnson County, Missouri, died 7, May 1917, Johnson County, Missouri, (daughter of Joseph Potts and Mary Grainger). All are buried in, and around Johnson County, Missouri.

Mildred Vivian Huffman, wife of Donald Thayer Brooks, is the daughter of Lester William Huffman, (born 8, August 1896, enroute to Missouri from Todd County, Minnesota, in a covered wagon, died 18, December 1962, Jackson County, Missouri), and his wife, Mary Annis Clements, born 15, February 1903, Cass County, Missouri, (daughter of James Emery Clements, born 23, January 1874, died 12, June 1962, Cass County, Missouri, and wife, Iva Nora Gillett, born 16, May 1874, died 12, February 1932, Cass County, Missouri). Lester William Huffman and Mary Annis Clements were married 20, November, Cass County, Missouri, 1919. His parents were Jacob Huffman, born 4, March 1852, Adams County, Indiana, died 1917, and Olive E. Pritchett, born August 1868, Wisconsin. Both are buried in the Tarsney Lakes Area, Adams Cemetery, Jackson County, Missouri. They were married in Todd County, Minnesota 21, November 1890. Mary Annis Clements, mother of Mildred Vivian Huffman and a sister Blanche Lenora Huffman, (born 2, April, 1922, Jackson County, Missouri, married to Robert D. Ware) is a close neighbor, having moved to the Lake area about the same time as Donald Thayer Brooks and wife.

Donald Thayer and Mildred Vivian were married 20, July 1941, Johnson County, Kansas, and lived in the Jackson and Clay County areas before moving to Morgan County, Missouri. They have one daughter, Donna Rae Brooks, born 17, April 1942, Jackson County, Missouri, married Norman Wayne Mynatt 3, May 1963, Clay County, Missouri. They are the parents of two daughters, Deborah Lynn Mynatt, born 8, March 1964, and Merrie Ann Mynatt, born 16, December 1968, she being adopted. They now reside in North Kansas City, Missouri, Clay County. Donna Rae and Norman Wayne both attended schools in the Clay County school district.

Mildred Huffman Brooks is an avid genealogy researcher and is the Chapter Registrar for the Niangua Chapter, DAR, and has proved her mother's Clements line of descent to the American Revolutionary Soldier, Roger Clements. *Mildred Huffman Brooks*

## FOSTER YANCEY BROWN

Foster Y. Brown was born to Nannie and Walter Y. Brown, January 6, 1898.

Foster Y. Brown

Nannie was the youngest daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Martin, owners of the Martin Hotel. Elizabeth Gray was born September 7, 1826 in Patrick County, Virginia. Samuel was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, July 10, 1814. They were married March 11, 1845 in Patrick County, Virginia. They had eleven children. They moved to Versailles in November 1, 1853, and opened their hotel November 16, 1853. The hotel was in continuous operation until Foster sold it to the Morgan County Historic Society in 1973. "Uncle Sam" died at the age of 92. "Grandma Martin" died at the age of 104.

Walter Brown was born in Kentucky, 1866. He died in 1950.

Nannie Martin Brown was born April 14, 1867. She died at the age of 34 leaving her eighteen month old son, Foster, to her sister Lucy Martin.

Foster was raised by his Aunts Lucy and Sallie and their parents. Sallie Jane Martin at her death in 1935 was thought to be the oldest native born citizen in Versailles. She was born in the log hotel September 13, 1854.

Miss Lucy, was well known in hotel circles as a successful operator of the Martin Hotel for many, many years. Miss Lucy was born in 1864, died in 1954. She and Sallie took over the operation of the Martin Hotel when Samuel was 86 and Grandma Martin was over 75 years old.

Foster had one half sister, Virginia. She was married to the Dole Pineapple heir in Hawaii. She was last heard from in the beginning of World War II, and believed lost somewhere in the Pacific Islands.

Foster went to School in Versailles and later to the Robbins Business College in Sedalia, Missouri. During World War I he enlisted in the Marines. (He received a fifty year Plaque from the American Legion.)

Foster married Miss Dora Cully of Bunceton, Missouri, May 14, 1922. She died shortly after. He married Shirley Helen Heintz of Junction City, Kansas in 1924. Shirley was the daughter of Ernest and Sarah Heintz. They were married over the radio in what was thought to be the first such ceremony. Foster Dale, their first child was born February 6, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois. Juanita Martaine was born in Topeka, Kansas, August 7, 1928. Foster married Florence Lowe of San Antonio, Texas in 1945. Florence Lowe, was born in Mapleton, Kansas to Marshall and Nellie Lowe.

Foster was a surveyor for most of his adult life. He worked at the Baker Engineering Company, San Antonio, Texas from 1944 to 1951 as a Civil Engineer. When Foster and Flo returned to Versailles in 1951 he joined the Corps of Engineers. He retired from the Corps at the age of 71. On their return to Versailles, they took over the operation of the Martin Hotel.

Foster was a member of the Scottish Rite Temple of Freemasons.

He died in the fall of 1974. His widow Florence nows lives in Lee's Summit, Missouri. His son Foster Dale lives in Independence, Missouri. He married Lucille Vogel of Madison, Wisconsin. They have three children: Diane, Linda and Tom. His daughter, Juanita (Nita) married Lloyd Creed Marriott in 1947. He is the son of Speed and Lelia Phillips Marriott of Versailles. They have three children: Speed Austin born November 18, 1954, Shirley Dale born May 26, 1956 and Lelia Caresse born January 7, 1970. Creed, Nita and Lea live in Versailles, Missouri; Shirley and Speed, Kansas City, Missouri.*Compiled by Nita Marriott*

## HUGH BROWN, JR.

Hugh Brown Jr. the son of Hugh Brown, Sr., was born in North Carolina in 1784 of Scotch - Irish descendants. He was married February 22, 1810 to Susannah Bishop, called "Susan", she was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1793. After they married, they bought land in Bullitt County, Kentucky, but sold it 1834-35, no doubt getting ready to come to Missouri on the wagon train with some 100 people from Louseville, Kentucky in the autumn of 1836. Hugh bought land in Cooper County and owned 400 acres on the Salt River and also in Morgan County. The land in Morgan County was near Highland Cemetery which today is in Moniteau County. The land of these early pioneers of Morgan County in 1845 was taken to form Moniteau County, but they were Morgan County first settlers.

When they came to Missouri, homes had to be built, schools and churches organized and built. No market for logs or anything they raised. Lots of fish in the creeks and wild turkeys here by the thousand, meat was plentiful.

Hugh and Susannah's children were: Nelson Brown, born 1810 in Kentucky, married July 7, 1836 to Anne Rebecah Griffin. When Rebecah died, Nelson just buried her in the back pasture of their farm and later donated one half acre of land to Moreau Cumberland Presbyterian Church for a cemetery. So Rebeccah was the first one buried here. Nelson is buried at Bogard, Missouri, in Carroll County. He died 1886.

Mary Brown, called "Polly" born March 22, 1813, in Shepherdville, Bullitt County, Kentucky. She married Peter Newkirk December 2, 1935, Bullitt County, Kentucky, and they came over the wilderness trail to Morgan County with the wagon train 1836. She and Peter are buried near their home in the Peter Newkirk Family Cemetery, which is in Moniteau County. Peter died during the Civil War 1864 after the Bushwackers burned their home.

Elizabeth Brown born January 9, 1816, at Shepherdville, Kentucky, first married Adkin Wilcox - second marriage to James McPherson. She is buried in Moreau Cemetery.

Milton Brown born Shepherdville, Kentucky, married Sarah Latham.

Lewis Brown, born 1824, Shepherdville, Kentucky, and married Anne E. __Lewis died August 28, 1851, and buried by his father Hugh at Clarks Chapel Cemetery in Howard County, Missouri.

Louisa Brown, born 1832, Shepherdville, Kentucky, and married John P. Miller, February 16, 1853 at Tipton, Missouri.

Melville Brown, born August 1, 1834, Shepherdville, Kentucky, died May 18, 1852, buried near his mother, Rebecah, in Moreau Cemetery.

Hugh Brown in late years sold his land and moved near some of his children in Howard County. Hugh died January 27, 1857, and buried at Clarks Chapel Cemetery overlooking the Missouri River.

Nelson, Hugh's oldest son, was administrator for both Hugh's estate 1857, and Susan's estate. This appears to be certain evidence that Susan is buried by Hugh in an unmarked grave.

Many of Hugh and Susan's descendants are still living in Morgan and Moniteau Counties here in Missouri. They were the great great grandparents of Omega (Charles) the wife of Preston Hutchison, "Polly" (Brown) Newkirk line. *Omega Charles Hutchison*

## WILLIS BURTON BROWN

Willis Burton Brown born 1792 North Carolina, married 1819, Barrens County, Kentucky, Mary Jane Kelsay born 1798, Tennessee; they died 1867 and 1863, bured Hopewell Cemetery. Resided Scottsville, Allen County, Kentucky; had five issue. In 1829 the family moved to Morgan County and had eight or nine more children. Reported to have served in War of 1812, he was sometimes called Captain, unknown why today.

*Children* from family records: 1. Malinda 1820, d. infancy. 2. Allen K. 1822-1901 married Mary A. Mulkey; three issue; moved Butler County, Kansas 1882. 3. Julia M. 1823 (disappeared). 4. James M. 1825-1903 married Josephine M. Houston, of Miller County; five issue. 5. Cyrus C. 1827-1892 married Sophia Wilson; eight issue. 6. Martha J. 1829-1860 married John W. Ferguson; four issue. 7. Willis Burton Brown 1831-1894 married Hannah C. Tyree; nine issue (no surviving descendant.) 8. Lucinda 1833-1894. 1. Joseph H. Letchworth; three issue; died 1867. 2. John C. Letchworth; three issue. 9. (no verification) William M. 1835 married Hannah Clay; three issue. 10. John J. 1836-1908 married Mary J. Edwards; seven issue; moved Cowlitz County, Washington 1888. 11. Delia 1838-1838. 12. George W. 1839-1913 married Margaret F. Robertson; seven issue, moved Numa, Oklahoma 1913. 13. Nancy V. 1841-1923 m. Rial Mallory Hargett, M.D.; five issue. 14. Moses P. 1845-1923 married Cynthia Bills; six issue; moved Kansas 1870, Oklahoma 1889.

*Grandchildren*: (2) Thomas J. — Mattie Dungey, Phillip W. — Eliza A. Dungey, Martha J. — Peter A. McBroom. (4) Decatur C. — Comfort L. Moreland, Anna J. — James W. Dungey, Willard C. — Mary E. Mobley*, Malinda J. — William L. Mobley, Alvina L. — Henry H. Brown. (5) William A., Thomas R., Elizabeth, Julia A. — Albert L. Brock, Cyrus W. B. — Emma E. Etter, George A. — Olivia A. Boan. (6) Mollie J. — Henry C. Callison, Christopher C. — Frances J. Dunstan, Gueangle —— Martin, John, Russell. (7) Mary A. — John Buzan, Lucinda F. — Thomas P. Bond. (8) John C. — Rebecca Knoop, Georgia A. — James Morris, Joseph W. — Hattye V. Callison; Thomas R. — Blanche Stevens — two others, Charles P. — Mariama Schaper, Florida V. — William J. Schaper. (10) Henry H. — Alvina L. Brown, Willis Brown — Ruie Huntington, Hannah C. Brown — Stephan G. Davis, Mary J. — James Davis; Joe Vredenberg, Margaret S. — George M. Appleman, Josephine, Emma T. — William V. Appleman. (12) Mary J. — William F. Elliott, Virgil E. — Mamie M. Worthley, Nancy N. — Alex Bruce, Ida — Edgar Owen, James W. — Neva Owen, Allen S. — Ada Gibbs, George E. — Ora S. Owen. (13) Elmer E. — Maude M. Kelly, Mrs. Lola (Callison) Dinnebeck, Ocella O. — Bessie Sweaza, Mallory F. — Emma A. Moore, Guido M. — Rebecca Stephen, Lucille B. — William S. Campbell, Thomas M. Hunter. (14) Mary F. — George G. Hunt, Charles Park, Joseph T. ——, Molinda, Alfred T. - Callie B., Clayton, Lorena M. — Mr. Allen.*Submitted by Alice I. Brown, Los Angeles, California, Life member MCHS, DAR. (MCHS — Morgan County Historical Society) (and also a member of DAR) * (refers to my grandfather, Willard C. Brown.)*

## JOSEPH ALLEN BROYLES

A great many Morgan Countians hold fond memories of Rev. Joseph Allen Broyles. "Preacher" Broyles, as he was often known in Morgan and neighboring counties, baptized, married and counseled a good share of them during his years as a circuit-riding minister.

Joseph A. Broyles, Minnie Catherine (wife) and Lillie Mable

The Rev. Broyles was born in Edgar County, Illinois; the son of Goodlo and Laverne Barnhouse Broyles. While Joseph was still a young boy, the family moved to Benton County, Missouri.

On October 8, 1893, Joseph Broyles married Minnie Catherine York. Six daughters were born to the couple. One died at birth. Ola Irene died at three years of age. Lillie, Lealyea, Sylvia and Maggie were the surviving daughters.

Rev. Broyles Family

Joseph Allen Broyles entered the ministry on September 8, 1907, when he was ordained a Baptist minister at Crittenden, Missouri. At the time, he was a member of the Pearson Branch Church. For nearly thirty years thereafter, Rev. Broyles was a familiar figure in Camden, Miller and Morgan counties, traveling a ministerial circuit that included Locust, Ritchie and West Union churches in southern Morgan County.

Rev. Broyles accepted several pastorates during the course of his ministry, also. He pastored the Stover Baptist Church in 1916, and shepherded the Henley church, in Miller County. But his first calling was to the circuit of hill—country traveling preacher, and he served his scattered parishoners well.

Country churches were few and far between in the timbered hills along the Osage River. Congregations met in country schoolhouses on Sundays, and under the shelter of brush arbors for the two - and three - week - long revivals in summer. Rev. Broyles went about his revival circuit by horseback early in his ministry; by car later on, as both motor vehicles and country roads improved.

Revival services were social as well as religious functions. Church goers dressed in their finery and packed basket dinners. Rev. Broyles held two and sometimes three services each day for the duration of the revival, with breaks only for the "dinner on the ground" and baptizings in a nearby creek.

"I can remember as a child, going with my father to hold services in a brush arbor near Locust school," recalled Sylvia Broyles Ayres. "I would look up at the branches and leaves above the congregation and wonder if there might be snakes up there. We would have day-long church and baptizings in Locust creek. The revivals were held in summer, during a busy time for country people. But people put aside their work and came to the revivals for two or three weeks straight."

Joseph Allen Broyles died at age 75, on September 7, 1935. His wife, Minnie Catherine, survived him by nearly thirty years, until her death on March 4, 1965. Today, more than seventy years after Rev. and Mrs. Broyles began the work of their calling, many of the country churches they helped pioneer are still active, in contrast with the decline of country churches in general. West Union Baptist Church, a frequent stop on Rev. Broyles' circuit, recently moved into an attractive new structure south of Versailles.

## HENRY A. BRUNJES

Henry A. Brunjes and Anna C. Fischer were married October 23, 1910. They spent all their life in and around Stover, Missouri. Farming and blacksmithing were his enjoyment.

Henry A. and Anna C. Brunjes

Henry and Anna were the parents of three children, Herbert, born October 5, 1911, Viola, born August 17, 1916 and Irene, born July 4, 1919.

Herbert married Alice May Argenbright November 24, 1937. Their children are Martha Jo, born June 25, 1941, died March 11, 1943, Charles, born July 5, 1944, married Linda Williams of Cameron, Missouri on May 17, 1969. Their children are Heidi Marie, born November 15, 1974 and Valarie, born May 19, 1977.

Neva Marie, born September 26, 1945, married David K. Coester of Mesa, Arizona November 4, 1967. They have no children.

William Howard, born January 7, 1948, unmarried.

Neidth Lynn, born September 29, 1950, married Joseph W. Taylor, Jr., U.S. Navy, March 21, 1977. No children.

Viola Brunjes married Arthur Holsten. Their children are Vaneta, Merriam and Willard.

Veneta married James Rapp, Pariville, Missouri. Their children: Mark, Veronica, Jeanette, Loretta, Michael, Brenda and Marcella, all at home.

Mervin married DeLeba Kipp. Their children are Connie, Jerry, David and Cynthia.

Willard Holsten married Alinda Eckhoff. No children.

Irene Brunjes married Lorenz Koester. They have one daughter, Henrietta, who married Frank Reynolds. He has four daughters. *By Mrs. Herbert Brunjes*

## WILLIAM ALFRED BURKE

William Alfred Burke was born January 6, 1884, died October 17, 1948. He was married to Jessie V. Hamilton on February 26, 1908. They lived in Trenton, Missouri from 1912 until 1924 when they moved to Versailles, Missouri. Mrs. Burke taught school at Baker school of Trenton.

William Alfred Burke was born at Modena, Missouri, son of Gibson Lafayette and Martha Neill Burke.

The Burkes moved to the Nelson Ball farm northwest of Versailles and later to the west city limits of Versailles. Mrs. Burke taught Ball school for several terms.

Jessie V. Hamilton Burke was born at Modena Mercer County, Missouri on June 16, 1882, daughter of Jacob Riley and Jane Ann Hamilton. She died November 20, 1957.

The Burkes had twin daughters, Mildred, who married Herman Brockman and lives at Brookfield, Missouri and Marian, who was never married, both born August 15, 1910. Marian died September 14, 1977, unexpectedly, in her mobile home in Versailles, after having lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico for many years. Mildred has two children, Charles and Elaine Clough, of Brookfield.

The Burkes also had two sons, Wendell, born May 7, 1912, and Gerald, born February 5, 1918.

Wendell married Rose Blandin in 1944 and they have a daughter, Judith Kay, now of Kansas City, born October 3, 1947. He also has a son, Donald, by a previous marriage, born May 27, 1940. He lives at Versailles.

Gerald Burke married Mildred Powers and they have two children. They live at Idylwild, California.

William Alfred and Jessie V. Burke and their daughter, Marian, are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## PETER ROSS BURNS

Peter Ross Burns born July 28, 1818 in Ohio, died 1889 in Missouri. He was the fourth child born to John Burns and Elizabeth South Burns. Peter R. was serving a four-year apprenticeship in farming and cabinet making in 1834 when his father died.

He married Elizabeth Elliott in 1841 and came to Missouri in 1843 settling near Florence, Missouri. Mrs. Burns died several months after coming to Missouri, leaving one son, James. Mrs. Burns is buried in Florence cemetery.

In 1845 Peter R. married Catherine Evans of Florence, who died in 1858 leaving seven children, Williams, George, Daniel, Peter R., Jr., Benjamin, Elizabeth and Mary (Mollie).

He married Margaret Evans, sister of Catherine, and their children were Alfred, Sarah, Robert, Myrta and John. Margaret died in 1873. Myrta, Elizabeth, Peter R. Jr. and William died young. Elizabeth and Mary (Mollie) were twins.

Peter R. Burns farmed after coming to Missouri. He also held the offices of sheriff, collector, county clerk and representative. He helped to raise money for the first railroad into Versailles, the Missouri Pacific Boonville to Versailles branch line in 1879-80. Mr. Burns was also a Mason #117, a strong Republican and a large land owner. His first residence in Versailles was a farm house just east of Highway garage east of Versailles. He bought the home owned by Dr. Jack Gunn north of Versailles after the Civil War. The Burns graves are in the Versailles Cemetery, except James.

The children of Peter R. Burns who married were James, married in Ohio while in the Union army during the Civil War, settled in Kansas and Oklahoma and finally in California, two girls and one son survived. Benjamin married Celia Rains, September 17, 1879, three children survived. Celia Ross married John L. Smiley, Irene married Lester Ball, Chester married Flossie Ivy. Chester was county collector in the late 20's.

Mary (Mollie) married J.W. McCann and their children who survived were Lillie, who married Clarence Lumpee, Nettie, who married William O. Krog and Berniece, who married William Sombart. Berniece is living in Boonville, Missouri.

Alfred married Nettie Moore. Their children were Emma Ross, who married Dr. Sam N. Newton, born May 31, 1890, died 1969; Matilda Mae, born February 9, died February 3, 1973; Vera Elizabeth, born April 8, 1899, died 1973; James Mills, born February 2, 1905, died 1970; Robert B., born March 24, 1893, died 1913; Nettie Margaret Rosenstein, born February 3, 1908, now of San Francisco, California; Alfred Walker, born January 6, 1911, now of Las Vegas, Nevada, who has a son, Dr. Tom A. Burns, born October 6, 1935, now of Natchitoches, Louisiana. *Bill Krog*

## ALLAN BUZAN

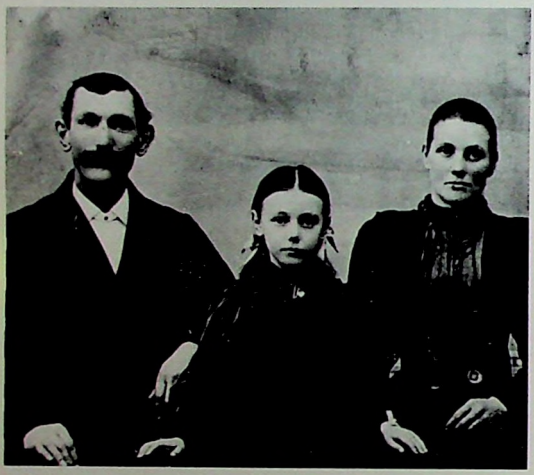
Allan Buzan was born August 25, 1826. He married Dicie Walker. They lived on a farm near Excelsior, on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Loganbill in the Providence School community.

They were the parents of eight children, Rosa, Thenie, June, Elnora, Bill, Tom, John and George.

Mrs. Buzan died May 22, 1907 and Mr. Buzan died January 22, 1912. Both are buried in Hopewell Cemetery east of Versailles. *By Frances Campbell*

## GEORGE W. BUZAN

George Washington Buzan was born near Excelsior, Missouri on April 19, 1861. He was the son of Allan and Dicie Walker Buzan. He was a farmer and stockman and lived on a farm northeast of Versailles, now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Daniels.



George Buzan Family

On October 30, 1890 he married Lizzie Ridler. They lived in Morgan County all their lives.

They were the parents of two daughters, Lula Mae and Rosa Verne. Mrs. Buzan died May 23, 1934 and Mr. Buzan died March 1, 1941. Both are buried at Hopewell Cemetery east of Versailles. *Mrs. Harold Campbell*

## BLAKE CABLE

Blake Cable was born September 2, 1888 near the Osage River in Camden County, Missouri, the son of Dave and Talitha Lafever Cable, and died March 6, 1966.

He came to work at Mew's Livery and Feed Barn June 15, 1912. He married Maude H. Berkstresser, daughter of William and Susan A. Berkstresser Moore. Their children are Francis D. (Frank), Clarence H. (Tooter), Lester D. and Blake, Jr.

Frank D. was born August 14, 1914 in Versailles. He married Gladys Kidwell, daughter of Samuel E. and Laura Freeman Kidwell on March 10, 1935. Their children are Paul D., Earl Gene, Jackson L., Sam B. and Danny J.

Paul D., born September 29, 1935 joined the U.S.A.F. November, 1954 and is now stationed at the Dover Base, Dover, Delaware. On January 22, 1960 he married Gladys M. Merrells, daughter of Burrell Merrells of Paris, Tennessee born on May 6, 1941. Their children, Janet, born November 23, 1960 and David, born August 6, 1963.

Earl G., born July 29, 1937, married Patricia McGinnis, daughter of Everett and Chloe Ward McGinnis on August 26, 1939. Their children, Larry, born March 9, 1959, Julia, born April 22, 1961 and Tammy, born October 17, 1963.

Jack L., born June 10, 1939, married Glendora Pryor, daughter of Glen Pryor of Stover, Missouri, September 12, 1959. She was born March 28, 1938. Children, Christopher, born July 11, 1960, Carla, born December 22, 1961, Gregory, born June 8, 1964. They live at Independence, Missouri.

Sam B. born July 8, 1941, married Shirley Kindell, daughter of Homer and Nadine Rae Kindell, November 2, 1962. Shirley was born August 10, 1943. Children, Anthony B., born December 25, 1963 and Troy D., born July 15, 1967.

Danny J., born September 25, 1946, joined the USMC at age 17 and spent eight years seeing the world the hard way. On July 25, 1971 he married Linda Housworth, daughter of Glen and Beulah Housworth, born July 1, 1953. Children, Dana, born September 2, 1973 and Seth, born September 18, 1975.

Earl Gene, Sam and Dan live in Morgan County. Paul plans to retire here in 1979. *By Frank D. Cable*

## JOHN J. CAINE

John Joseph Caine was born in New York City November 24, 1924, the son of John Joseph Caine and Lourene Petty. The family located in Versailles, the birthplace of Mrs. Caine in 1934. His father died in Versailles in 1936. John attended Versailles schools and is a graduate of Versailles High School in 1941. He then attended Westminister College in Fulton for two years when his education was interrupted because of World War II. He was in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946 and served in Europe with the 44th Infantry Division. He completed his education at Missouri University in 1948. He was associated with his aunt, Miss Irene Petty in the Versailles Furniture Company. In 1948, the Eldon Furniture Company was purchased and John has operated that store since.

He was married in Versailles 24 June 1951 to Patricia Ann Robinson, daughter of J. Roy Robinson and Lois Nadine Austin.

They moved to Eldon in 1958. John is a past-mayor of Eldon and has worked in many civic organizations. They are also active in the Methodist Church and Mrs. Caine is a regular member of the church choir.

They have two sons, both born in Versailles. John J. Caine III lives in Eldon and is associated with his father in the furniture business. He was married 31 July 1976 to Brenda Clinkingbeard of Ava. He is a graduate of SMSU of Springfield. Richard Edward is in Columbia where he is a student at Missouri University and will graduate in December 1978.

There is one brother, William A. Caine of Versailles, who operates Versailles Furniture Co. It is perhaps interesting to note the brothers were mayors of their respective towns at the same time. They were teased by friends as trying to merge the two cities. *Nona Caine*

## LOURENE CAINE

Mrs. Caine was born in Versailles, the daughter of George Washington Petty and Virginia Rankin. Mr. Petty, a resident of Morgan County since 1859, was in the lumber business and also vice-president of the First National Bank. Other children were: George Edward, William Thomas, J. Arthur, Charles Uriah B., Irene, and John Beverly.

Mrs. Caine was married in Versailles to John Joseph Caine of New York. Mr. Caine was a buyer for Wanamaker's and they lived in New York City until his retirement. In 1935 they returned to Versailles and remodelled the Petty home on North Monroe for their residence. Mr. Caine then built the Caine Building and he and his sister-in-law, Miss Irene Petty opened the Versailles Furniture Company. Mr. Caine died in 1936. Mrs. Caine continued to live in Versailles with her sister, Irene Petty, who died in 1971. She is a member of the Methodist church and has two sons, John Joseph Caine of Eldon and William Arthur Caine of Versailles. There are also seven grandchildren.

## WILLIAM ARTHUR CAINE

Mr. Caine was born 26 November 1927 in New York City, the son of John Joseph Caine and Lourene Petty. The family came to Versailles, the birthplace of his mother, in 1935. Bill attended Versailles schools and is a 1945 graduate of Versailles High School. He is also a 1949 graduate of the University of Southern California. He was married August 6, 1950 in Versailles to Nona Carpenter, daughter of Edgar Franklin Carpenter and Elsie McCollister. In September 1950 he was inducted into the U.S. Army and was stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana with VI Corps Headquarters. In September 1952 he returned to Versailles and has been actively involved in the Versailles Furniture Company. He has taken an active part in civic affairs and served as mayor of Versailles for six years. The Caines are members of the Methodist church and have five children: William Michael of Versailles; Cynthia Jo (Mrs. Stephen L. Gabriel), of Independence; Lynda Sue of Springfield; Robert Alan, a junior at SMS in Springfield, and Patrick Neil, a sophomore at Versailles High School.

## ADOLPH CALTNER

Adolph Caltner immigrated as a young man from Germany to America in 1830, and homesteaded land near Gravois Mills in Morgan County, Missouri.

Lucetta Ellis came with her parents from Faquire County, Virginia, to land north of Versailles, also in Morgan County, Missouri.

Adolph Caltner married Lucetta Ellis in 1841, and two sons, Tooley and Joseph, and three daughters, Margaret, Melissa, and Nancy, were born.

In the late 1830's, Adolph Caltner built a log house near Gravois Mills where the family resided. During the Civil War, General Price and his Army encamped on the land. The Caltner house was used for officers quarters, the enlisted men were billeted nearby, and food for the army mess was commandeered, with the army's slaughtering pen being located on the Caltner land.

Nicholas Holst married Mary Klahn and they immigrated from Germany to America in 1858. The journey by water to New Orleans, Louisiana, took six weeks. After reaching New Orleans, they traveled the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, landing at Boonville in Cooper County, Missouri. They then traveled by wagon to what is now known as Soap Creek, near Gravois Mills. Nicholas and Mary traveled with their one daughter, Hannah, and six sons, Henry, Charles, Nicholas, William, Lewis, and Marion. Henry, the eldest, served with the Confederate Army.

Margaret Caltner married Henry Holst and they lived in the Caltner house where their two sons, Charles and Emmett, and two daughters, Lillie Ross and Mary Lucetta, were born.

As a young man, Charles moved to Idaho where he was killed in a railroad accident.

Emmett married Nellie Conner, daughter of John and Susan Carver Conner. They lived on a farm near Gravois Mills. Nine sons, Henry Jack, Wils, John, Doley, Robert, David, Dewey, Daniel, and Noah, and five daughters, Naomi, Kathryn, Nell Edith, Tiny, and Nehemiah, were born. The family's early years were spent in Morgan County but they eventually moved to Cooper and Howard Counties, Missouri. Emmett and Nellie are buried at Glasgow in Howard County. Twelve children survive.

Lillie Ross Holst lived her entire life in the Caltner house.

Mary Lucetta married Ira B. Williams, a merchant and son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth Ann Morrison Williams, and they, too, lived in the Caltner house. Four sons, Henry Andrew, Howard Holst, Lige J., and Billy J., and five daughters, Margaret Elizabeth, Marie, Ira Lucetta, Mary Camille, and Jo Ann, were born in that house, the third generation to be born in the house that Adolph Caltner built.

Henry died in 1956. Margaret, a Lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps, was killed in North Africa in 1943 during World War II. Howard married Mabel Perkins and they live in their home on the "old place". Lige J. married Louise Hachler of Versailles and they had one son. Louise died in 1951. Lige J. then married Jody Bevier in 1960 and they live in Orlando, Florida. Billy J. married Bonnie Via of Gravois Mills, and they raised their five children on the "old place". Marie lives in Jefferson City, Missouri, where she is assistant to the Director of the State Division of Family Services. Ira Lucetta married Gregory Huff of Versailles and they raised their three children there. Ira Lu is Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Deeds Ex officio of Morgan County. Mary Camille is married to Carl Radford, a minister, and they live with their son in Springfield, Missouri. Jo Ann married Stanley Johnson of Gravois Mills, a career army officer, and their son was born in Germany where the Caltner - Holst families had their beginnings. The Johnson family now lives in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Ira Williams loved the old Caltner house and enjoyed keeping it in good shape for his family. In 1930 when the Bagnell Dam was built and the Lake of the Ozarks flooded the Caltner farmland, Ira and Lucetta moved the house to its present location.

Ira died in 1957 and is buried in Versailles. Mary Lucetta continues to live on the "old place", in a newer, smaller house, enjoying her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She remains active in church and social activities.

The house that Adolph Caltner built still stands — with its history of love, laughter, and life. *By Mary Lucetta Holst Williams*

## ARTHUR CAMPBELL

Arthur Campbell was born in 1884, the son of Wesley and descendant of Benjamin Campbell of Cumberland County, Kentucky. He married Fern Stevenson in 1912, daughter of Billy and Katie Ann Roe Stevenson. They farmed in Morgan County for several years, then moved to Gravois Mills in 1934, during the depression, so the men could find work around the Lake of the Ozarks.

Arthur and Fern Stevenson Campbell
Wedding, March 25, 1912

They were the parents of eight children: William, Russell, Eugene, Norman, Katie Mae, Dorothy, Pauline, and Harold L.

J.A. Gorham, Arthur Campbell and Birtle Huff about 1904

William married Berdell Young of Stover and has two children: Jackie of Nashville, Tennessee, and Merilyn who lives in Sedalia, is married to Bob Otten and has a son Kevin. William is in road construction and lives in Sedalia. He served in World War II with the fourth Infantry from Fort Benning, Georgia, who recaptured the Aleutian Islands from the Japanese in 1944.

Russell served in World War II in Europe with the Air Force. He lived in Gravois Mills, never married, and died in 1976.

Eugene was a career man in the Air Force retiring in 1965 to Sedalia, Missouri where he married Goldie Hurt in 1966.

Norman married Anna Robinson Farr in 1960 and lives near Gravois Mills.

Katie lives in Portland, Oregon, was married to Allen Fisher, and has two children, Roger and Kathy. Roger married Kathy Jo Howard of Phoenix, Arizona and has three children: Jennifer, Lisa, and Robert Campbell. Kathy Lynn married Mark Erickson in May 1978.

Dorothy married Gaylord Akin of Fortuna and they spent 30 years travelling around the world in the USAF. They retired in 1967 and lived in Kansas City where Gaylord taught for ten years in Hickman Mills High School. They have four girls, Gayle of Tucson, Arizona, Dorothy married Bob Lynch from New Jersey, and both teach handicapped children in Liberty, Missouri. They hope to have their own school someday. Darlene is a student at William Jewel College, and Pamela a student in Hickman Mills Junior High.

Pauline married Bill Hunter, son of Clyde Hunter of Versailles, and has three children: Robert and Patty by adoption, and Michael born in 1972.

Harold L. married Alma Lou Hayes, daughter of Clyde and Virgie Haggerman Hayes and have one son Terry. They live in Tipton and H.L. works at Westinghouse electric in Jefferson City. Terry married Jean Hall of McGirk in 1977. Jean is a nurse at Charles E. Still Hospital and Terry is in bricklayers training in Columbia, Missouri. *Submitted by Mrs. W.D. Hunter*

## GEORGE CAMPBELL

George Campbell, along with his brother Benjamin, came to Morgan County in 1832 in a wagon train from Cumberland County, Kentucky. They were the sons of Benjamin Campbell Sr. and Cloe Farris. Prior to Kentucky, the Campbell Family had come from Virginia, but little is known of that era as all records were destroyed in a fire at the Cumberland County Courthouse.

George, at one time, carried the mail from Booneville, Missouri to the James Mill, Morgan County, Missouri. The James Mill was the first Court House of Morgan County, and was located on the property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Robinson, and lies across the Little Gravois Creek from the YMCA Camp.

George married a Mobley, and it is believed that the Mobley family was in the same wagon train that brought the Campbells to Missouri. George and his wife had one child, a son, named Thomas.

Thomas Campbell married Mary Elizabeth Curtright, the daughter of William Curtright and Mary E. Richardson. It was from the Curtright family that the Curtright Springs received its name. Thomas and Mary lived in Illinois most of their lives, and Thomas is buried there. They had five children: William, Charles, Edward, Etta and Leonard Adell.

Leonard Adell moved to Morgan County and married Lora Mary Taylor, daughter of Enis Taylor and Melissa Madole. To this union was born six children: Luther Orsino, Charles Homer, Bertha Maurine, Neva Emma, Marion Jackson and Bessie Lorine. Leonard and Lora both died at a rather early age, but the six children continued to live in Morgan County, and at one time all six were married, had families and lived in the near vicinity of Versailles.

Charles Homer Campbell married Jane Irene Madole, the daughter of John Ross Madole and Flora Mae Jobe. They settled on a farm five miles southeast of Versailles and lived there until 1971. Jane was a school teacher from the age of eighteen, and except for three years in Oklahoma, she spent the rest of her career in Morgan and surrounding counties. She retired in 1961 with more than 35 years of service. Charles and Jane had one son, Leonard Ross.

Leonard Ross Campbell was born and raised in Morgan County, and was graduated from Versailles High School in 1951. After four years in the U.S. Air Force he moved to Kansas City, Missouri in 1956. In 1957 Leonard married Betty Dell Houchens, daughter of Earl Edward Houchens and Floy Etta Silvey. Betty also graduated from Versailles in 1955. They lived in Kansas City until 1966 when they returned to Versailles to make their home.

Leonard and Betty had three sons: Charles Edward, James Ross and Robert Wayne. Charles graduated from Versailles High School in 1976, James in 1978, and at this writing Robert is in the fifth grade. All five are members of the First Baptist Church of Versailles. Leonard is employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and Leonard and Betty are involved in various business interests in Versailles. *Leonard R. Campbell*

## MILTON CAMPBELL

Our parents were Milton Campbell (son of James A. and Laura Jones Campbell) and Emma Ratcliff Campbell (daughter of William and Annie Ratcliff), who were born and raised in Morgan County, Missouri.

The oldest child of Milton and Emma Campbell was Edward, who died in 1945. He was married to Carmen Corrillo. They had two Children, Emma Lee and Edward.

Eva was the second child. She married Glenn Watts. They have one son, Michael, who married Delene Boyer.

Gussie was the third child. She is unmarried.

James W. married Louise Greenup. They have one son, James W., Jr.

Annie Laurie married J.T. Hull. They have two sons, Kim and Timothy. Kim married Cynthia Stubblefield. They have two children, Chris and Amy.

Milton Jr. married Lois Moser. They have four children, M. David, Melinda, Milton, III, and Brian.

Nell married J.C. Garrison. They have one daughter, Teresa, who married David Dunklee. They have two children, Vanessa and Dustin. Nell died in 1978.

Dimple was married to Robert Cornett. They had a son, Robert, Jr. She died in 1960.

## WESLEY CAMPBELL

Benjamin and Chloe Farris Campbell came to Morgan county, Missouri, from Cumberland county, Kentucky in 1834 with several of their children in covered wagons pulled by teams of oxen. Ben had served with his father Hugh in the French and Indian wars in 1787. Afterwards they moved from Augusta county, Virginia into Madison county, Kentucky. Their ancestors had come to Virginia via Pennsylvania from Scotland and Ireland in the mid-1700's.

Wesley and Elizabeth Gray Campbell
Children: Gabriel, Myrtle, Arthur and Sallie
Wes's sister in back. 1894

Ben married Chloe Farris in Madison county in 1791 and had among other children, William, Benjamin Jr., Elizabeth, George (ancestor of Charles and Luther of Versailles), and Matilda. William, Ben Jr., Elizabeth, and George all married Mobleys children of James and Peggy Mobley who lived neighbors in Cumberland county, Kentucky. Matilda married William Huff.

William and Betsy Mobley Campbell brought five children from Kentucky and four more were born in Missouri. They settled east of Versailles and attended the Oak Grove Baptist church where five generations of Campbells are buried.

William Marion, sixth child of William and Betsy, was born in Missouri in 1836. He married Sarah Jane Walker daughter of Stephen and Sarah Hasten Walker, in 1859. They farmed for many years in Morgan county but in later life moved to Eldon. They had twelve children with two sets of twins: Wesley, Liona, James, John and Will (twins), Ousinah, Annie, Elizabeth and Sallie (twins), Etta, Clara and Samuel.

John and Will moved to Oklahoma, Sallie taught school in Morgan county in the 1890's. She married William C. Thomas of Illinois and moved to Oklahoma. Clara married Ray Bruffy of Eldon and they too went to Oklahoma, and Samuel went to the state of Washington.

Liona married Jack Hutton and died as a young woman. James married Laura Jonea and was the father of Neva, Bessie, Milton, Adelle, Edward, and Harold. Annie married Will Stoddard and moved to St. Louis. Elizabeth married James Silvey, had five children and lived in Texas. Ousinah married Judith Allison and had children, Charles, Bonnie, Tom, Melvin, Hannah and Dorsey. Dorsey married Genevieve Gabriel and has one son, Bob.

Etta Lee married Jack Ponzar and their descendants live in St. Louis.

Wesley and Elizabeth Gray Campbell married in 1881 and farmed east of Versailles, and had children: Gabriel, Arthur, Myrtle, William, Bradie, and Mary. Gabriel and William died when children, Arthur married Fern Stevenson, Myrtle married James Ferguson and had Sally, Opal, Henrietta (married Reed Moore), Alma, and Edward (Bud) who married Arlene Bonine of Versailles, and Bradie married Pearl Whittle, has one son Wilbert of Kansas City. Mary married Willard Wilbanks and their children, Helen (Mrs. Clifford Pryor), Floyd, Alice, Marion, Orval, Anna Ruth, and Paul.

## EDGAR F. CARPENTER

Edgar Franklin Carpenter was born in Syracuse 4 January 1898, son of Edward Franklin Carpenter and Lena Neitzert. He was one of five children: Verner (deceased), Mrs. Ruth Hunter (deceased), Mrs. Myrtle Owens of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Mrs. Ethel Turpin of Parsons, Kansas. The Carpenter ancestors settled in the Syracuse area in 1860 and the Neitzerts came from Germany in 1846, settling in Syracuse in 1850.

He located in Versailles in 1928 and was married 4 February 1930 to Elsie McCollister, daughter of Frank W. McCollister and Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Crutchfield. There are four daughters, Mrs. Mary Martha Phillips, Summers, Arkansas; Mrs. Nona Caine, Versailles; Mrs. Audrey Fields of Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Mrs. Doris Jessee of Glendale, Arizona. There are also thirteen grandchildren and two great grandsons.

Mr. Carpenter served Morgan County as Circuit Clerk and Recorder for eighteen years (1928-1946). He was in that office at the time World War II began and was appointed Director of the Selective Service Board, a position he held until the war was over. Sending boys to war was a terrible responsibility and a job that weighed heavily on him. In 1943 he became a partner in Carpenter — Guenther Lumber Company and was active in the business until his retirement in 1969. He was president of the Central Missouri Association of Retail Lumber Dealers in 1956.

He was a member of the Baptist Church and served his church in many capacities. He shared his Gift of a beautiful tenor voice with his church and the community. He was also a charter member of the Lions Club.

His survival has missed the publication of this book by a few short months having died in Versailles February 14, 1978. His health failed the last years but many people will remember the tall, strong man briskly walking down the street, always whistling a happy tune and giving a cheerful greeting to anyone he met.

Mrs. Carpenter lives at 404 W. Green Street in Versailles.
*Nona Caine*

## REV. FRANK CARPENTER

A few years before the Civil War began, the Rev. Frank Carpenter, a widower, met and married Eliza York somewhere in central Kentucky. Soon thereafter, in a covered wagon, they moved to Henry County, Missouri and in 1880 the Carpenters moved to the community of Syracuse, Missouri.

Rev. Carpenter's children of his first marriage were David Carpenter, who left Syracuse and moved to Shelbina, Missouri, Susan, who married a Mr. Hawkins and also moved to

Rev. Frank Carpenter

Shelbina, and Emma, who never married and spent her entire life at Syracuse.

Eliza York Carpenter

The Rev. Carpenter died February 2, 1908 at the age of eighty years and Mrs. Carpenter died January 27, 1911 at the age of seventy-five years.

To their union were born James T., who moved to the state of Washington, then to Fresno, California. He married Frances Hudson and later Anna Pettitt. There were no children.

Edward F., who married Lena Neitzert of Syracuse. Their children were Verner, banker at Smithton, Edgar F., clerk of the circuit court of Morgan county at Versailles and a businessman, Ruty (Mrs. Logan Hunter) of Roswell, New Mexico, Myrtle Owens, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Ethel Turpin of Parsons, Kansas.

George H. Carpenter, who married Lucy R. Sims, March 18, 1896 at Glensted, Missouri was a Versailles farmer and businessman. He was elected county judge six times and representative to the State Legislature twice. Their children were Charles F. Carpenter, who married Mabel McCollister of Versailles (who died June, 1951) and was later married to Norma Jean Brooks. They live in Fresno, California.

James S. married Francelia Willson and they had two sons, James Charles (Jay) of St. Louis, who has three children, and Thomas Willson of Kansas City, who has four children.

Katie Mae Carpenter married John A. Hilderbrand of Versailles and they moved to Kansas City in 1937. Their children are Bobby George, Lucy Ann (Mrs. Ed Turgeon) and Mary Kay (Mrs. Doug Carter) all of Kansas City.

Robert T. married Hannah Neitzert of Syracuse. They moved to Fresno, California. Their children were Nellie Warren of Fresno and Eugene of Sacramento, California.

Charles Lee became a businessman at Long Beach, California. He married Julia McGowan and they had one son, George. He later married Rebecca McGowan.

Mary, a twin sister of Charles Lee, married James Boyd of Syracuse. Their children were Alma, Ethel, Blanch and Tommy.

## DR. ELISHA MEEKINS CARR

When Elisha Meekins Carr was one year old he came to Cooper County, Missouri from Kentucky where he was born January 1, 1840, the son of Mead and Elizabeth Gillum Carr.

Dr. Elisha Meekins Carr

Louisa Jane (Woolery) Carr

By land entries and purchase, his father acquired large landholdings in Cooper County, including the large farm known in late years as the "Doc" Nelson farm. Their homesite was the scene of the great Democrat Rally staged in 1924 when Mr. Nelson was the Democrat nominee for governor of Missouri. There Elisha Meekins and his seven sisters were reared. His only brother died at age eleven.

He taught school for a time. He was graduated from a medical school in a day when many doctors' training consisted only of apprenticeship. He came to Florence in the early 1860's where he had a drug store and practiced medicine.

Though he had grown up on a large plantation operated with the help of slaves, he was bitterly opposed to slavery, and used his talent as a lecturer to denounce the system and pronounce its doom.

When the Civil War broke out, he was imbued with a fervor to do his part to eliminate slavery, just as his grandfather, Meekins Carr, had fought in the Revolutionary War to free America from British rule. He tried repeatedly to enlist in the Union Army, but, as often, was rejected because of his nearsightedness.

On July 7, 1866 Dr. Elisha Meekins Carr was married to a widow, Louisa Jane Woolery Stephens (born September 30, 1845), daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth Beeman Woolery. Like her husband, Louise could look back to forebears who had fought in the Revolution, two great grandfathers, Lawrence Woolery and John Smith the 7th.

Dr. and Mrs. Carr had six children:

Birdie (January 30, 1868-June 4, 1928) — married Jesse McCray; children, Lillian (died in infancy) and Eula. After Jesse's death she married Phineas Shepard; children, Edna, Frank, Edith.

Lillian Belle (December 3, 1870-June 20, 1962) — married William Thomas McCray; thirteen children, Golda, Ola, Effie, Elsie, John, Tom, Lillian, Nellie Mae, Bonnie, Arthur, Ora, Alice, and Nora.

Walter (September 17, 1875-January 22, 1941) — never married, died in Montana.

Myrtle — married — Barr; no children.

Arthur — died in Oklahoma October 3, 1898; age about seventeen.

George (July 13, 1884-August 5, 1970) — married Amelia Schlichtig; one daughter, Hulda.

Dr. Carr wrote beautiful poetry. Though he wrote profusely, only a few poems that were published and saved as clippings have been preserved. He was also a linguist and had mastered several languages.

From Morgan County he returned to Cooper County where he lived a few years before going to Sedalia where he died Au-

gust 9, 1908. He is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery there. Louisa eventually went to Harrison, Montana to be with her sons Walter and George, living there many years before her death November 4, 1938. She was buried in the Harrison Cemetery. *By Nellie Mae McCray Rastorfer*

## LLOYD E. CAULKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Caulkins bought 320 acres of land on Lake Road 20 in 1961 and maintained a holiday weekend home there until 1972, when he retired as manager of Grundy Electric Coop., Inc. of Trenton, Missouri and moved to Stover as a permanent residence.

The ranch was incorporated with their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. John M. DeGroot and children of Columbia, and Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Caulkins of Jefferson City. They named the ranch Triangle J. Ranch, Inc.

Lloyd Caulkins was always active in volunteer work for any community in which he lived. He was a long time member of the Missouri Heart Association, Democratic committeeman for Haw Creek precinct, president of the Morgan County Farm Bureau, treasurer of the 4th Congressional Political Action Committee, a member of Congressman Ike Skelton's Agriculture Advisory Committee, member of the Area II Health Community and member of the Manpower Committee.

The Triangle J. Ranch raises Scotch pine trees and furnishes without charge Christmas trees to community churches that want them. This was one of Lloyd Caulkins pet projects.

Lloyd Caulkins died June 22, 1978 after a four-way bypass for heart surgery.

This little verse, written by Badger Clark best describes Lloyd's idea of a Christian man:

"When my earthly trail is ended; And my final bacon curled; And the last great round-up's finished At the Home Ranch of the world, I don't want no harps nor halos, Robes nor other dressed up thing; Let me ride the stormy ranges On a pinto hawse with wings. Just a ridin', a ridin', Nothin' I'd like half so well, As a roundin' up the sinners, That have wandered out of Hell." *By Mrs. Lloyd E. Caulkins*

## GEORGE W. CAYWOOD

George W. Caywood was born May 6, 1854. He was the son of Solomon H. and Nancy Caywood. The Caywoods are of English descent. Solomon lived in Pettis County and his children were Louisa (Connelly), Minnie (Terral), Steve, Solomon and George. George moved to Morgan County and lived in the Gravois Mills area. On December 25, 1879 George married Amanda F. Thompson. Amanda was born December 9, 1862 the daughter of Thomas and Jane Caldwell Thompson. Her father came from Pennsylvania. George died October 12, 1921 and Amanda died November 30, 1938. They had ten children who are the following:

George W. Caywood Family
*Standing:* George, Wm., Maude, Alice, Etta, Lu, Myrtle, Wilda; *Seated:* Amanda and Gussie.

William (Bill) was born January 10, 1882 and died October 19, 1977. On January 18, 1914 he married Maude Belle Rastorfer. They lived on a farm at Gravois Mills and when the lake came, in 1931, it took part of their farm. They had three children Lois, Nellie and Eva Elsie. Bill was well known to his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends as "Pa Bill". Lois was born March 20, 1915 and married G.F. Wittrock. Their children are Larry, Karen, Roger and Jim. Nellie was born February 13, 1917 and married Robert Powell. Their children are Ronald and Maisie. Elsie was born January 30, 1920 and married Donald Marriott. They had four children. Linda married Ed Beckmann and their children are Terri and Brent. Donald E. married Joyce Ehlers and their children are Donald G., Ronald and Timothy. William married Sheila Hicks and he has a step-daughter Michelle and a son Ryan. Diane married Denzil Webb.

Nancy Caywood

Alice Jane was born January 1, 1885 and died September 1, 1959. On February 7, 1904 she married Hiram Page. They had one son, Virgil.

John Thomas was born August 21, 1887 and died February 1952. He married Mammie Meyer and they had one daughter, Gladys.

Ella Sarah was born March 18, 1890 and died September 7, 1893 from diphtheria.

Etta Agnes was born April 28, 1892. On February 4, 1917 she married Latham Fletcher. She later remarried Lozier Stidhan about 1921. Etta is now living in Santa Ana, California. Her children are Opal, Loetta and Marie.

Lulu Mabel was born December 27, 1895 and died July 22, 1964. She married Roy Meyer on December 30, 1917. They had five children, Mancel, Mildred died about the age of eleven or twelve, Mary Francis and two infant babies.

Myrtle Marie was born October 16, 1898. She married Ivy Hudson and later married Sam Baker. Myrtle never had any children and she is now living in Bakersfield, California.

Wilda Beatrice was born October 12, 1901. She married Tee Phillips on November 4, 1921 and later married Ice Adams of California. She is now living in Bellflower, California and has one daughter Wilda Imogene.

Brooks Edward was born December 24, 1903 and died October 17, 1969. He married Mary Gowens on July 19, 1930. They have a son, William.

Gussie Francis was born August 21, 1909. She married W.O. Meyer on June 6, 1926 and she lives in Versailles. They had two children, Betty and Bill. Betty married Chester Daniels and their children are Gladys (Hunter) and Chester Eugene (Corky). Bill married Beth Miller and their children are Todd, Chad and Garret. Gussie's step-daughter is Billie (Anderson). *Mrs. Donald E. Marriott*

## LLOYD J. CHAPLIN

Lloyd and Vaden Chaplin moved to Versailles in March 1977, to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, the George Scotts. Mr. Chaplin had been in poor health for many years, however he cheerfully continued to do anything of which he was capable, and many things that were really beyond his physical strength.

Vaden and Lloyd Chaplin

Lloyd James Chaplin was born in Springfield, Missouri, February 20, 1902, fourth of six children of Frank and Ann Belle (Reese) Chaplin. He grew up in Springfield and one of his first jobs was as meat-cutter. Later he worked with his father, learning the stone-cutting trade. Lloyd's grandfather worked on many of the beautiful old stone buildings in Springfield, including the one which is now the Springfield City Hall. Lloyd's dad was water-boy on that job; and later, in partnership with Ed Anderson, he furnished the cut stone for most of the churches and business buildings built in Springfield.

Lloyd Chaplin and Vaden Sample were married in Springfield on June 2, 1923. Vaden was the daughter of William B. and Edith Ethelda (Neese) Sample. The Samples were married when teenagers and had eight children before she was widowed. Vaden was six and three children were younger. Mother Sample and the children left Stockton, Kansas, where they had been living and moved by covered wagon to Ozark County Missouri to a rocky piece of land she homesteaded. Finding living there too hard after the boys married, they again moved by covered wagon to Springfield, where the children could find work. Vaden began work at the telephone office in 1917 and her sister soon joined her there.

During the depression years, Lloyd worked as construction supervisor for many beautiful cut stone buildings in Springfield and one (a grade school) at Greenfield Missouri. For most of these he was responsible for teaching unskilled laborers how to quarry and cut and lay the stone work.

Lloyd and Vaden worked in Portland, Oregon, through World War II. Lloyd was a construction foreman, helping to build oil tankers. Vaden worked at the same shipyard as a welder, and her foreman named her the best welder he had. The Chaplins returned to Springfield and started a new business of the old type of work. That business still continues under their son.

Vaden worked with Lloyd, doing the bookkeeping and office work, but she has always been happiest as the homemaker. She enjoys all the household arts: sewing, cooking, cleaning, tending plants; and tries to leave any spot more beautiful than she found it.

They retired to the home they had built for a weekend retreat, near Bull Shoals Lake. That house was built from stone cut by Frank, Lloyd, and Lloyd Frank Chaplin. The stone was quarried by Will Chaplin, Lloyd's grandfather, and has been used many years as foundation of an old Springfield building.

The Chaplins were the parents of two children. Wealtha is the wife of Rev. George Scott. Their story is also in this book. Lloyd Franklin Chaplin, the son, continues the family cut stone contracting business in Springfield. He married Darlene Bartholomew of International Falls, Minnesota. They are the parents of Linda Diane (Mrs. David Camp); Kimberley Anne (Mrs. Ron Stayce); Richard Lloyd Chaplin; and Tami Jo Chaplin. Besides the eight grandchildren, there are now four great grandchildren.

Lloyd Chaplin died May 20, 1977 and is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri. Vaden Chaplin still finds life interesting and full. She still has three sisters living, although all four of her brothers are deceased. *Wealtha Scott*

## SAMUEL CHARLES

Samuel Charles was born 5 July 1805 in Pennsylvania, the son of Elijah and Ann (Stevenson) Charles, who moved to Richland County, Ohio in 1813. Samuel married Elizabeth Russell. One son was born to this union, John Charles, who was eleven months old when Samuel died in 1836. Elizabeth later married William Andrews. They left Clear Creek Township in Ohio and made the move westward in a covered wagon, settling in the northern fringe of the Ozarks in Haw Creek Township in Morgan County, Missouri, in 1844. A daughter, Ella, was born near Florence. In 1858 Elizabeth (Charles) Andrews bought a lot from Tipton Seeley and built the first house in Tipton, which is still standing in 1978, a very small building with oak weatherboarding and hewn log framework. During the Civil War her home was a haven for soldiers, as all were taken in and cared for. Later she moved to Kinderhook, Illinois where she died.

Sam Charles Family
*Seated:* Alpha, Omega, Sam, Zora. *Standing:* Ruth and Rose.

When John Charles was only nine years old he came to Missouri. Thomas Monroe was appointed his guardian. John grew to manhood and married Mary Nowell. He owned a farm south of Glensted. He had two daughters, Nancy and Martha. During the Civil War the mother ran off with a soldier boy, leaving the girls with their father. In 1870 John married Mary Atkeson, daughter of Jane (Atkinson) and Andrew Atkeson. The Atkesons came to Missouri on a steamboat from Charleston, West Virginia in 1848. John and Mary's children were Lillie and Samuel "Sam" Charles.

Lillie married Charles Lewis. He was born at St. Martin. Charles' father, James R. Lewis owned the town in 1893, consisting of a blacksmith shop, general store with a Post Office and he was the postmaster. Charles and Lillie started one of

*Seated:* Mary Charles. Sam and Lillie

the first stores in Fortuna, and it was here that their only child, Lucille, was born in 1894.

Samuel "Sam" Charles born to John and Mary on 16 June 1873. Sam was four years old when his father died and at the age of eleven he was working out, helping his mother make a living. In later years, he became a well known mule buyer and landowner, owning the farm one-half mile east of Fortuna where the Standard and Gundling abandoned lead mines were. He married Alpha Newkirk in 1897 and they had five children: Rose born 1898, married Gregory Woods, son of Iona Henry and Jesse Woods, one daughter Naomi, Home in Fortuna; Norman Charles born and died in infancy; Ruth Charles born 1901, married Elmer Welty, son of Anna Hofstetter and William Welty, no children, home in Versailles. Samuel "Zora" Charles, born 1904, married Faye Wright, daughter of Neil Thixton and Charles Wright, four children: Samuel "Ned" (twin) married Lois Delene Petree, children Randy and Samuel "Ricky"; Ted(Twin) married Irene Kuhlman, children Michelle, Charene, David, Craig; Dixie married James Lake, children Carla, Scott and Mark; Don married Roselle Hofstetter, children Dawn and Jeffery. Zora's family lived mile northeast of Fortuna until 1978 when they moved to Versailles. He had worked as a marker for Primo Pants Company in Versailles for 27 years before retiring June 2, 1972. Many of his years as a young man he helped his dad on the farm and no doubt rode horseback more miles than anyone in the country, as he had to go many miles after the mules his dad bought.

Omega Charles born 1911, married Preston Hutchison, son of Sarah Pettigrew and Gilbert Hutchison, two sons, Richard Gale and Larry. *Zora Charles; Written by Omega (Charles) Hutchison*

## JOHN HENRY CHIPLEY

John H. Chipley was born March 3, 1873 in Howard County, Missouri. His mother, Harriett McCart,(born April 18, 1840; died April 24, 1930) and father, Leander Jackson Chipley (born June 10, 1833; died February 25, 1911) were married in 1858. They were parents of ten girls and two boys namely: Louise, Julia, Susan Matilda, Nannie, Mary, Annie, Aggie, John H., Emma, Joseph, Sadie and Dollie.

Wedding Picture of John and Lou Chipley

In 1881, the family moved by covered wagon to a farm in Camden County near Purvis, Missouri. Some of the girls were already married and remained in Howard County. The two sons, John and Joseph grew to manhood on the Camden County farm.

Joseph W., who was born October 22, 1877, married Lula Elizabeth Phillips on July 4, 1908. They continued to live on the family farm throughout their married life.

John H. Chipley married Louise (Lou) Silvey, daughter of James M. and Prudy Marriott Silvey on December 10, 1899, at the home of her parents near Gravois Mills. They made their home in Camden County until 1909, then moved to Morgan County. They continued farming until their retirement, when they moved to Versailles. It was there they spent the remainder of their lives enjoying their home, and many friends. They were members of the Baptist Church and attended services at Freedom Church, north of town.

Their three eldest children, Edith, Helen and Vencil, were born in Camden County. The youngest, Alma Louise, was born near Gravois Mills.

Edith was married to Marshall M. Howard of Gladstone, Missouri, February 3, 1923 near Gravois Mills. He is now deceased. They were parents of the following six children: Monte, first married Peggy Jean Morrow. Their children were Monetta Jean, who died at birth, and a son, Bill. Monte's second marriage was to Donna D. Sanders. Their children were Christine, John and Jimmie; Hattie Ruth is married to C.E. Sutton, their children are Captain Charles Sutton and Mrs. Barbara Corey; Jennie Louise is married to David Hutchison, their children are David, Marsha Lynn Turley and Ila Jean; Marshall Jr. married Donna Sue Bixler and has one child, Dianna; Marilyn is married to Charles Noyes and has one son Travis Howard Noyes; Sally married Douglas Weekley, their children are Steven and Timothy.

Helen Chipley married Leroy Stephens in May 1924, both are now deceased. Their ten children are: Violet, married Leroy Bennett and has one son, Larry; Louetta, married Darrel Bennett, children are Vicki and Mike; Leroy (L.V.) married Virginia Blacksten, children are Danny, Randy and Patricia; Ruby married Howard Kosterer, children are Debbie and Steve; Marie, married Aldie Morefield, children are Teena, Tammy and Tim; Mildred, married Lyle Chamberlain, children are Kent, Kevin and Kimberly; Lulabell, married Don Lading, children are Ricky, Jeff, Mark, Brad and David; Jack, married Flo Moore, children are Karen and Kenneth; Carolyn, married Jim Neal, children are Sandy, DeAnn and Jimmy; Ronnie, married Candace Hughes, children are Wendy and Christy.

Vencil Chipley married Lois Pace March 11, 1927. They are parents of two children: John, married Alta Hutchison, their children are Jill (Mrs. Jim) Quigley and Mary Lois; Shirley

Beth, married Robert Hibdon, their children are Sheila (Mrs. Mike) Saxton and William Vencil.

Alma Lou Chipley married Harold Thomas in January 1941. They live in Casper, Wyoming and have two children: Harold Dale and wife Peggy are parents of two, Teena and Randy; and Phyllis Jean of the home.

John H. Chipley died June 25, 1957 at their home in Versailles. His wife Lou, died at the home of her daughter in Boonville, on July 24, 1965.*By Mrs. Marshall M. Howard*

## DAVID HARDIN CHISM

David Hardin Chism was among a number of Chism families who took up land in Morgan County around 1835. This land was located southwest of present day Versailles.

David Hardin was born in Barren (now Monroe) County Kentucky. When around nine years of age, in 1819, he accompanied his parents on a move to the Territory of Missouri. The parents settled on land located near Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri.

On May 24, 1837, at Versailles, he was united in marriage to Teletha Hix. To this marriage, four children were born namely, Jacob B., John, David Hardin Jr., and Howard.

On January 15, 1857, at Versailles, he was married for a second time to Thelney Williams. David and Thelney had two children, Samuel and Giles.

David Hardin served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He returned to Morgan County and remained in the county for the rest of his life. He died on February 12, 1851, and was buried in the Chism family burial plot located on the Jacob Chism land southwest of Versailles, Missouri. The burial plot has been destroyed. *Neal A. Chism*

## JACOB CHISM

On October 30, 1836, received land grant '11492 (Sec. 2, T42, R17) allotting him land in Morgan County. At this time, he moved his family to Morgan County from Cooper County. The land grant was located just a few miles southwest of present day Versailles.

Jacob Chism was born in Virginia on January 22, 1782. His father was James Chism, a soldier in the American Revolutionary War. When he was around fifteen years of age, in 1797, his family took land in south central Kentucky near present day Monroe County. Here they settled and raised their family. On August 19, 1802, Jacob was married to Priscilla Howard by the Reverend John Mulkey of the Mill Creek Baptist Church. Priscilla had also migrated with her family from Union County, South Carolina. She was born in Union County on October 25, 1783.

Jacob and Priscilla established their household in Barren (now Monroe) County Kentucky. At least five of their children were born in Kentucky namely, Stephen, Mary, John, Howard, and David Hardin.

Jacob and Priscilla were active members of the Mill Creek Baptist Church while living in Kentucky. This was a congregation of Primitive Baptists with roots back to the teachings of the Reverend Shubal Stearns who established a Baptist Association in North Carolina during the Colonial era. Jacob received a call to the ministry. He was a faithful minister of the Gospel for the rest of his life.

Around 1817, a number of families from Barren County Kentucky including the Jacob Chism family, chose to remove themselves migrating westward to Cooper County, Missouri Territory. Jacob and his family took up land near present day Boonville. Jacob and his family lived in Cooper County until 1836 when the family took up land in Morgan County. At least three other children were born in Cooper County Missouri namely, Longdon, Elizabeth, and Jacob Crith.

In 1819, we find Jacob as a member of the Pisgah Baptist Church in Cooper County. Jacob continued his ministerial work for the Baptist Church in Missouri. He certainly was one of the first pioneer Baptist Preachers in Cooper County. He served his calling faithfully and was instrumental to the establishment of several Baptist Congregations in Cooper and Morgan Counties.

Jacob died on June 5, 1857. Priscilla also died in the 1850's. They were buried in the Chism family burial plot, located on their land southwest of Versailles. The cemetery has been destroyed. A memorial to this pioneer Morgan County family has been erected in the Versailles Cemetery. *Dr. Neal Chism*

## JAMES CHISM

The Chism family first appeared in Morgan County around 1835, when John Langdon Chism and his wife Frances Cooper moved there with several other Chism families from Cooper County, Missouri.

The Chisholm (later spelled "Chism") family originated in Scotland and arrived in America in 1642. They settled in the colony of Virginia and lived in that area until 1799 or 1800. James Chism, a veteran of the Revolutionary War migrated to Barren County, Kentucky, at the turn of the 19th century. James' second son, Jacob, and his wife Priscilla Howard were the parents of John Langdon. Jacob was the first ordained Baptist minister in Morgan County and began to preach at the Big Rock Church in the 1830's.

John Langdon and Priscilla lived on the Chism farm west of Versailles. Upon the death of his father John inherited land in accordance with his father's will which Read: "I will and bequeath unto Langdon my son for six years faithful labor done for me on my farm the east half of section ten which I now have, Township 42 Range 18 containing 320 acres of land, reserving of that part of the land I have willed unto my beloved wife during her lifetime only, and at her death he shall take possession of that part of the land also."

John and Priscilla had the following nine children: William, Priscilla, Jacob, Hardin Lycurgus, Mary Catheryn, Brackton, Susan Ann, Elizabeth and Frances John.

Their youngest daughter, Frances, married Samuel Pennebaker Clifton of Versailles on March 6, 1875. Frances and Samuel had seven children, two of whom died as children. The five remaining children were John Beverly, Joseph Moore, Samuel Francis, Grace Darling, and Bessie Ruth.

John Beverly married Laura Beatly and they had no children. Joseph Moore married Eva Mae Stockton and they had five children: Frances Dornan, Maxwell, Catherine, Richard, and Lucy. Lucy, Mrs. Lula Turpin, still resides in Versailles. Samuel Frances (Frank) married Myrtle Hanri and they had three children: Mary Alice, Olive Ruth, and June Frances. Grace Darling married Paul Oliver Spurlock of Versailles and they had three children: Samuel Clifton, Mabel Ruth, and Clara Paulene. Grace resided in Versailles until her death in 1976 and her husband, Paul, still lives in Morgan County. Bessie Ruth married Francis C. Johns and they had no children. *Submitted by Samuel C. Spurlock*

## JOHN LANGDON CHISM

Around 1835, a group of Chism families migrated from Cooper County to Morgan County Missouri. Among these families were John Langdon and Frances Chism.

John Langdon was born on March 23, 1805 in Barren (now Monroe) County Kentucky. At the age of fourteen, around 1819, he accompanied his parents when they moved to the Territory of Missouri settling on land located near present day Boonville in Cooper County. John Langdon was the son of Jacob and Priscilla (Howard) Chism, early pioneer settlers in Cooper and Morgan Counties Missouri.

On May 8, 1828, John Langdon was married at Fayette in Howard County Missouri to Frances Cooper, daughter of Braxton and Frances (Hancock) Cooper. She was born on May 4, 1810 on Loutre Island located near Jefferson City, in Cole County, Missouri. John Langdon established himself in farming.

In 1835, John Langdon and Frances took up land southwest of present day Versailles. They became landowners and well known farmers in this part of Morgan County.

John and Frances had nine children, all being born in Morgan County, except the two oldest, who were born in Cooper County. The children were William, Priscilla, Jacob, Hardin Lycurgus, Mary Catheryn, Brackton, Susan Ann, Elizabeth and Frances Grace.

John Langdon and Frances remained on their land near Versailles for the rest of their lives. John Langdon died on August 12, 1855. Frances died on May 13, 1876. They were buried in the Chism burial plot located on the Jacob Chism land southwest of Versailles. The burial plot has been destroyed. *Neal Chism*

## DANIAL CLINE

Samuel Cline and his wife, the former Elizabeth Showalter, migrated to America from Germany and settled in Rockingham County, Virginia. The Cline (also Kline or Klein) name is a familiar one in Europe, and dates back to the days of the Holy Roman Empire in Bavaria. Clines began emigrating to North America as early as 1657; many of them settling in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Danial Cline

It was in Virginia that Danial Cline was born January 18, 1846, the second of eleven children born to Samuel and Elizabeth Cline. Danial grew to manhood in Virginia and married Ruth Ann Showalter on May 9, 1869.

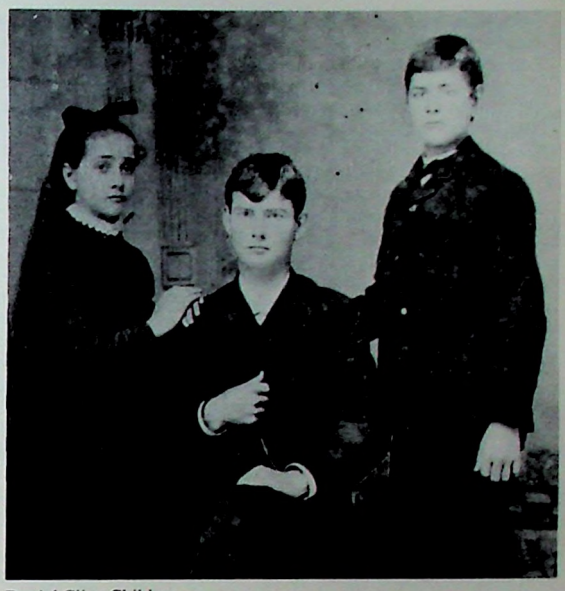
In about 1875, Danial and his family moved to a farm in Morgan County, about seven miles northeast of Versailles. Danial was a prosperous farmer and livestock feeder. He also was called to the ministry and preached for some time at the Prairie View Church of the Brethren, north of Versailles. But full-time work in the pulpit did not appeal to him for long, and he gave up preaching.

Three children were born to Danial and Ruth Ann Cline: Walter A., John S. and Sophia Kate.

Walter was born August 17, 1870. He married Laura Harrison on November 21, 1899. The couple spent their married life on a farm near the Cline home place, where Walter raised Shorthorn cattle and Laura grew White Rock chickens. The Cline cattle and poultry won many prizes at fairs. Walter died in April, 1940.

John Cline was born October 11, 1874, in Morgan County, on the homeplace where he lived and farmed with his father, until the elder Cline's death on September 23, 1922. In 1920, John married Bessie Gerlt of Stover, Missouri. Four children were born to the couple: Aubrey D., Sadie Bernice, John Stanley and William Paul.

Sophia Kate Cline was born March 8, 1877. She married Stanley Eyman, of Johnson, Kansas, on December 21, 1910, and moved to a farm ten miles northeast of Versailles in 1913. Four children were born to this marriage: Ruth (Mrs. Asahel Ferguson) of Branson, Missouri, Myrl (Mrs. Alfred Kraxberger) of Stover, Missouri, and Mrs. Ruby Green, of Rosebud, Arkansas. A son, Thomas Danial, died in infancy. *Submitted by Ruth Ferguson*



Danial Cline Children
Sophia Kate, Walter and John

## JOSEPH MOORE CLIFTON

Joseph Moore Clifton, born in Morgan County, September 10, 1883, died September 26, 1926, was the son of Samuel Pennebaker Clifton and Frances John Chism. Their ancestors came to the United States from England many years ago. Joe was one of five children: Samuel Francis; John Beverly, Grace Darling (Mrs. P.O. Spurlock) and Ruth (Mrs. C.F. Johns).

Joseph Moore Clifton

Eva Mae Stockton

Joe was a Morgan County Farmer. At the time of his early death, he lived four miles east of Versailles. His untimely death was attributed to a tumor at the base of the nerve center which paralyzed him and finally caused his death.

Joe and Eva Mae Stockton married April 18, 1911. Eva, daughter of Harry Elmer Stockton and Harriett Casandra Tompkins, was born November 3, 1889, near Oneida, South Dakota. Her parents homesteaded there, but continued trouble with the Indians caused them to move to Iowa, and they later moved to Morgan County to a farm four miles North of Versailles. Eva attended Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa and later taught in the Morgan County schools.

The family consisted of five children: Frances Mae, November 19, 1912; Joseph Maxwell, August 22, 1915; Richard Pennebaker, February 16, 1920, Grace Kathryne, May 29, 1921 and Lucy Ellen, February 15, 1923.

Frances married Ralph Morrell Dornan (Presently retired Hospital Administrator) September 18, 1937. They live in Coalinga, California. Children: Donald C. Dornan, September 11, 1939, Kathryn Ellen, June 1, 1946. Dr. Donald Dornan, a dentist in Tustin, California, married Nancy Hood April 2, 1966, and they live in Mission Viejo, California. Children: Bryan Ralph, and twins, Sean Patrick and Kimberly Elizabeth. Kathryn Ellen married Robert Hess, and Attorney in Los Angeles, December 17, 1966. They live in La Canada, California. Children: Robert Dornan and Michael Scott.

Joseph Maxwell, owner of a radio station in Pueblo, Colorado married Mattie Marie Ball August 29, 1939. Marie died July 22, 1977. Children: Sue Annette, February 18, 1941, Phyllis Kay, May 14, 1944. Sue married Reginald Landrum, Datsun Dealer and owner of Pan Ark Aviation, Pueblo, Colorado, May 10, 1963. Children: Jennifer Leigh and Amy Marie. Phyllis married Richard Riesner, a Coach and Math teacher in a Pueblo High School, March 18, 1964. Children: Kristin Marie and Julianne.

Richard Pennebaker, C.P.A. and Vice President, Home Savings, Kansas City, Missouri, married Betty Jane Peterson October 14, 1939. They live in Prairie Village, Kansas. Children: Paula Jean and Mark Richard. Paula Jean is a teacher in the Kansas City School system. Mark, Director of Data Processing, Truman Medical Center, Kansas City, married Linda Gayle Fouts August 17, 1968. Children: Tracy Lynn, Heather Renee, and Erika Christine.

Grace Kathryn married Joseph Martin Wolf (Presently retired Southern Pacific Agent) October 14, 1939, and lives in Castro Valley, California. Children: Joseph Rex and Sandra Kay. Rex, self employed in Healdsburg, California, married Karen Rae Orn, March 15, 1964. Children: Joseph Scott and Jeffery Martin. Sandra married Jack Warren Boisen (T.W.A. Personnel Director, New York City) January 30, 1965 Children: Brent Martin and Brian Robert.

Lucy Ellen, Medical Assistant, Gunn Clinic, Versailles, married Lloyd Thomas Turpin June 17, 1942. Lloyd was employed with the construction of Highway 5 at the time of his death, September 25, 1965. Children: Patricia Ann, and Lloyd Thomas II. Patricia married Jerry Jefferies (A Computer Programmer for Phillips Petroleum) May 27, 1967. They live in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Children: Vicki, Kelly Jo, Kevin C, and Cory Thomas. Lloyd Thomas II, a salesman for Wright Cultured Marble, lives at Gravois Mill. *By Frances Clifton Dornan*

## SAMUEL ADAMS CLIFTON

Nathan Clifton and two brothers came from England to America and settled in what is now Kentucky and Mississippi. The early genealogy of the Cliftons of Morgan County is not clearly recorded, but Thomas Clifton of Kentucky was a son of one of these emigrant brothers.

Thomas Clifton had two sons, Samuel A. and Benjamin and a daughter, Sidney, by his first wife. A second marriage produced James C. Clifton and other sons and daughters.

When Samuel Adams Clifton was a young man, the family moved to Tennessee. There, Samuel married Mary Pennebaker, and the couple lived in Kentucky for awhile, then moved to Hickory County, Missouri. Children of Samuel and Mary Clifton were William, James Madison, Zachary Taylor, Mary Casandra, Sally, Elisha, John and Samuel Pennebaker Clifton.

Samuel P. Clifton was born in the White Hare community of Cedar County, Missouri, in 1856. His father died when Samuel P. was young. His mother, Mary Pennebaker Clifton, remarried and the family moved to Morgan County.

Samuel P. Clifton married Fanny Chism, of Morgan County. The couple had five children: sons Joe, Frank and Bev Clifton; daughters Ruth and Grace Darling. Ruth married C.F. Johns, then principal of the Versailles High School. Grace married Paul Spurlock.*Submitted by S.C. Spurlock*

## A.E. CLODFELTER

A.E. Clodfelter Family
*L to r:* Sadye, Elizabeth, Mrs. Anna, Alma, George, A.E. and Paul.

A.E. Clodfelter came to Versailles, Missouri in 1878, from Winston Salem, North Carolina, and started in the photography business, upstairs, over the Curtis building, located on the corner of East Jasper and South Fisher streets.

Sadye Clodfelter

Then he bought land in the Wyan and Galbreith Addition and cleared the land and built a house. Then was married to Miss Anna Gattermier. To this union, five children were born: *Alma*, who married Dr. A.J. Gunn, who practiced medicine, many years in Versailles. *Sadye*, was a registered nurse, she trained at, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. She lived and practiced nursing her entire life in and around Versailles. Sayde never married, she was dedicated to her work.

Then a son was born 1898, *George* Clodfelter. He went to Kansas City to work as a watchmaker and learned the trade. Later came back to Versailles and went into the Jewelry business and watch repair. He married Gussie Sheets January 22, 1942. They operated the Jewelry Store. George was in business 55 years, before retirement.

*Paul*, Clodfelter, born 1901, was an electrician and merchant. He married Bethel Akin. Paul retired in 1968. They celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversery on May 21, 1978. They are members of the Methodist Church. *Elizabeth*, called *Sis*, was born in 1904. "Sis" married George Harris, and lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her husband was a Secret Service Agent and traveled to Paris, with President Woodrow Wilson, as one of his body guards. *By Gussie Clodfelter*

## JAMES FRANKLIN COCHRAN, SR.

James Franklin Cochran, Sr., born October 26, 1827 in Illinois, married Ruth Plummer and resided at Harden, Illinois. He operated a grist mill at Batchtown, Illinois.

*Front row (l.)* Desda, Mr. Cochran, Bertha, Mrs. Cochran; *on lap*, Lillie, Boone and Bessie; *back row*, Claud (Ab), Omer and Ada.

There were five children, one dying as an infant. Others were Mary Catherine, James Franklin, Jr., Ruth, who died rather young, and Elizabeth Brown Cochran. James moved to Morgan County, Missouri. On November 24, 1864 he married Nancy Frances Ferguson (2nd wife), of Pike County, near Hannibal, Missouri. They resided on a farm one mile north of Sunnyside school in Morgan County, two miles southwest of Excelsior, Missouri.

Children of James and Nancy were Henry Albert, Elias Washington, (called Coon), Lucinda Lou, Isham Orsines (called Boone), Lillie May, Stephen Douglas (Bill), Emma Jane, and John H.

James, Sr. died February 6, 1893 and is buried in Hopewell Cemetery and Nancy died November 14, 1921, buried beside her husband.

James Franklin, Jr., born January 28, 1854 at Harden, Illinois married Martha Matilda Ratcliff on January 27, 1881, of northwest of Barnett. She was daughter of Simon and Rebecca Comer Ratcliff. Martha died June 11, 1946 and is buried at Hopewell. They lived in the Barnett community all their lives. James, Jr. died May 31, 1947 at Barnett and is buried at Hopewell.

Their children were Omer Emanuel, born October 19, 1881, married Tracy Ann Sullivan, January 20, 1916. They lived in Barnett in a house he built when they were married. He operated a saw mill, threshing machine and well drill and owned a 160-acre farm 4¼ miles northwest of Barnett. Omer died 1965 and Tracy died in 1971. (Their children were Bonnie Janice, who married Roy M. Rains, of Versailles, and Gwendolyn Carlene, who married Henry L. Berkstresser of Versailles.)

Adner Lavature Cochran, called "Ada", born December 27, 1883 married Dade D. Waller of Excelsior on October 10, 1904. (Their children: Annie Fehrenkamp of Texas, May Plunkett of Texas, Helen Hayes, of Washington, Robert died in Boise, Idaho. On December 3, 1947 married Charley Hedrick of Stover. Ada died October 13, 1962, buried at Hopewell Cemetery).

Claudy Albert Cochran (Ab), born August 23, 1885, married Gertie McDow October 16, 1910. They lived on a 280-acre farm 3½ miles west of Barnett, where he was a farmer and stockman. In 1945 he sold the farm and moved into Barnett. Ab died January 5, 1977 and is buried in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett. Gertie resides in Barnett. Their children are Wray Charles, who married Mabel Lima Sidebottom of Barnett and Flossie Lucille, who married Gustav Lapp of St. Louis.

Bessie Mabel Cochran, born October 7, 1887 married William B. Hill of Barnett on January 13, 1906. Moved to Oklahoma. Their children: James, Jesse, William (Bill), Lloyd and Aubrey. William B. Hill died and is buried in Oklahoma and the family moved to Kansas City. Bessie married Clarence Van Auken, died and is buried in Los Angeles, California.

Amerson Boone Cochran, born July 16, 1889 married Birdie McGinnis of Barnett. He was a farmer and operated a threshing machine. Served in World War I, died February 27, 1975, buried in Greenmore Memorial Gardens at Barnett.

Desdy Belle Cochran, born January 12, 1894, married Mr. Wood of Kansas City. Died August 10, 1917, buried at Hopewell.

Bertha Tina Cochran, born November 13, 1895, married Robert Fulks of Clarksburg. Died 1926, buried at Hopewell, Their son was Athel Fulks of Chelsea, Michigan

Lillie Zelma Cochran, born May 19, 1900, married Arthur Kidwell, called "Shorty" born October 19, 1891, son of David and Laura Gunn Kidwell. Spent early married life at Pilot Rock, Oregon moved back to Barnett. Was farmer, operated threshing machine, with special road district and drove Eldon school bus for twenty years. Their children: Eileen Marie Kidwell, married Lloyd Moore of Versailles, James David Kidwell, married Ruth Collins of Garnett, Kansas. Bonnie Maxine Kidwell, married Murray Riffle of Barnett. Mr. Kidwell died October 10, 1970, buried at Barnett.

Verdia Forrest Cochran, born October 9, 1881, died September 19, 1882, buried at Hopewell.

Lulu Gertrude Cochran, born and died October 14, 1891. Buried at Hopewell. *By Flossie (Cochran) Lapp*

## OMER EMANUEL COCHRAN

Omer Emanuel Cochran was born October 19, 1881. On January 20, 1915 he was married to Tracy Ann Sullivan, who was born November 11, 1895. Rev. Francis M. Stickney of Eldon performed the ceremony.

Tracy Ann was the daughter of George N. and Amenda Cox Sullivan, who lived two and a half miles northwest of Barnett, Missouri. Omer operated a sawmill, threshing machine and well drill. He also owned a 160-acre farm four and one-half miles north of Barnett. He sawed the lumber used in building the house in Barnett, which they lived in their entire life.

Omer drilled the first well in Barnett for John Buzan in about 1901. He also drilled the main well for the Bagnell Dam in 1931, an 8-inch, 800-foot deep well on the hill overlooking the dam.

Tracy (Sullivan) and Omer E. Cochran

Tracy was active in the Methodist church and all clubs of the community. She was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In 1943 she was appointed District Deputy Grand Matron of the 58th District of Missouri, O.E.S.

Omer and Tracy had two children, Bonnie Janice, who married Roy M. Rains of Versailles, now of Huntington Beach, California, and Gwendolyn Carlene, who married Henry Leland Berkstresser of Versailles, son of James Forney and Augusta Temme Berkstresser. They have one son, Jerry Leland, who married Sharon James Miller of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. They have two children, Brian James and Rebecca Lee. They live in Joplin, Missouri.

Henry is a member of the Barnett Masonic Lodge '591. Henry and Gwendolyn belong to the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 303. They are also members of the Methodist Church at Barnett.

Henry and Gwendolyn live on a farm two miles north of Barnett, where he is engaged in farming and raising cattle. He worked as a mechanic for several years, in California and Texas. *By Gwendolyn Cochran Berkstresser*

## JAKE COFFMAN

Jake Coffman migrated to Missouri from Ohio sometime in the mid 1800's. His wife, Mary Waterman, was originally from Kentucky. They settled in the Wilson Bend area of Southern Morgan county on land which is now known as Posey Point. They had seven children, Martha, Sara, Elizabeth, Mollie, Jake, Kellis and one other daughter.

*Kellis* was born January 22, 1878. He was married to Gussie Gerlt and they had one daughter, Elva (Mrs. W.M. Stewart) who lives in Independence, Missouri. In 1904 he married Florence Winningham, daughter of James H. and Alice Winningham. They settled in Proctor. They had a daughter who died of whooping cough at three months, and three sons; Everett, Clyde and Kellis, Jr. Kellis was the justice of the peace, blacksmith and made caskets for the people of that area. He also was a tie buyer and seller to the railroads. In 1931 he moved their house to a place they had bought near old Proctor and where the lake was going in. He named it Coffman Spring, and built cabins to rent to fishermen, also a general store. The place became quite popular and later was known as Coffman's Camp. Kellis died in 1952 and Florence in 1953.

*Everett*, born February 7, 1907, married Eva Grace Croy, daughter of Andrew Jackson ("Uncle Jack") and Martha Carver Croy, in 1928. They lived at Proctor and Bagnell during the early years of their marriage. In 1937 they moved to Versailles, where Everett worked as a mechanic. In 1941, he built a building and opened a garage on Walnut Street near his home. In 1950, he built a larger building on West Jasper Street and moved his business there. He retired from the garage in 1966 due to ill health. He died January 10, 1975, after a long illness. Grace still lives in Versailles. They had five children and one stillborn child, *Clyde Wesley*, who was a twin to *Everett, Jr.* ("Bud") born in 1929. Everett, Jr. married Mary Ann Jenkins of Silver City, N.M. in 1950. They live in St. Joseph, Missouri and have two sons; Larry — 1956 and Neil — 1959.

*Darlene* — 1936 — married Nelson Lee in 1957 and they live in Versailles. They have three children; Diane — 1958, Cheryl — 1961 and Darren — 1965. A daughter, Debbie Gay, born in 1959 died in infancy.

*Robert* — 1937 — married Clara Huber in 1960. They live in Eldon and have two children; Melinda — 1962 and Kellis Lee — 1966.

*Kenneth* — 1939 - married Kathryn Draffen Humphrey in 1969. She had two sons — Brent and Gary Humphrey. They live in Versailles.

*Paul* — 1943 - married Sharon Kreglinger of Stover in 1962. They live near Laurie and have two children; Angelia — 1963 and Eric — 1967.

*Clyde* - 1912 — married Cleo Ensminger in 1931. They had four children; Mary Beth Latimer who has two sons, Larry and Greg; and Jeanette Laster who has one daughter, Leslie; — Sammy, who is single and lives in Independence and Judith, who is deceased. Clyde died in 1956. Cleo still lives in Independence.

*Kellis, Jr.* — 1916 — better known as "Babe" married Edith Weaver. They had five children; one son died in infancy; Lawrence, who has three children, Allen, David and Jamie,; Donald, who has three children, Donald Lee, Jr., Walter and Mary; Charles ("Chuck"); and Trudy who has two children, Tabetha and John. They all live in the Kansas City area. Kellis died in 1955. His wife, Edith, still lives in Kansas City.

## JAMES WILLIAM COLVIN

James William Colvin, born June 4, 1857 in Cole County, Missouri died in 1944. He married Lecta Ann Taylor (1858-1897) on December 6, 1883, who came to Missouri from Illinois. They settled on a farm in the Coffee School community in Morgan County. Their children were: Arthur, Gertie, Ross, Lee Roy and Cecil.

Arthur, born September 8, 1885, died March 26, 1960. He married Frances Ephland, who lives on their farm southeast of Versailles.

Gertie Ann, born November 13, 1888, died August 17, 1961, never married. Remained on her father's farm and helped raise her brother, Cecil and three sons and Lee Roy's three older children.

Ross, born November 27, 1890, died age four years.

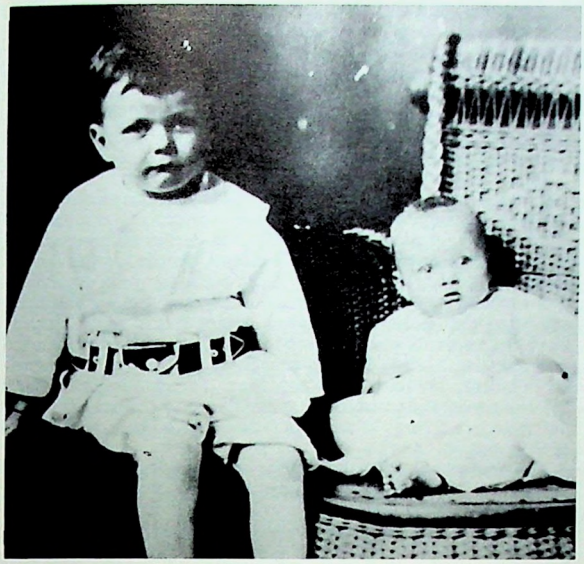
Cecil, born April 6, 1895, died February 18, 1976. Cecil married Melva Huff, (died 1930). Their sons: Ross, C.L. and James P., C.L. (1926-1968) and James, (1926-1961).

Ross (1924) married Ruby Haile and lives in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Their sons: Jim, John and David.

Lee Roy, born October 4, 1892, died February, 1950. He married Thelma Ferguson, (1895-1921). Their children: James, Wray, Violet and Dorsey Leroy. After Thelma's death he married Effie Morrison (1903-1961). Their children: Lucille, Lourine, Melvin (Sonny) and Marie. One son and a daughter died early in life.

Lucille married Louis Raines and lives on a farm northwest of Versailles. Their children: Lynda, Eddie, Lisa and Dennis. Lynda married Jim Brown, two children.

Eddie married Wanta Fields and has a daughter.



Wray and Dorsey Colvin

Lisa lives in Kansas City. Dennis is a student at Versailles High School.

Marie married Sherman Williams. Their children: Cindy, Sherman and Debbie. Lourine lives in Kansas City.

Melvin (Sonny) married Gladys Witherell and their children are Barbara Ann and Steve. He later married Shirley Buckner, their daughter, is Carrie.

Violet (1919) married Ernest Wisniewski, lives in Detroit, Michigan.

James Wray (1914) veteran of World War II, operates second hand store in Versailles. Has adopted son, Leroy, who with his wife, Shirley, has two daughters, Rena and Tina.

Dorsey Leroy (1917) married Josephine Sumner (1926) on March 5, 1942. Their children: James Lee, Linda, Teresa and Michael. Dorsey is foreman for a tree-trimming service.

James Lee (1942), a Viet Nam veteran, married Carolyn Cornett July 26, 1963. Their daughter, Angela Marie.

Linda (1945) married Charles Allen Chamberlain May 23, 1969. Their son, Bradley Steven. On April 21, 1973 she married Ernest W. Headley and has a daughter, Carrie Jo.

Teresa Ann (1954) married Randy S. Stafford May 20, 1972, live in Eldon.

Michael (1962) student at Versailles High School. *Linda Colvin Headley*

Pearl Comstock

Walter Comstock

The[illegible]re the parents of fourteen children. Those who still call Ve[illegible]ailles their home are Estel, Bluford, Brook (Mrs. Jewell Marriott), Garth, Alan and Eula (Mrs. Claude McGinnis).

Anna (Mrs. Victor Bennett) lives in Raytown, Dorothy, widow of Frank Fields, and Dulcie (Mrs. Cecil Vise) live at Independence, Missouri. Andrew lives in St. Joseph, Missouri. Earl, Gary, Keith and Jack are now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Comstock spent their retirement years on a small farm just east of Versailles. *Mrs. Kenneth Marriot*

## IRA CLAYTON COOK

Ira Clayton Cook was born April 23, 1900 at Granville, Hunt County, Texas.

Kinton Cook

## WALTER MARION COMSTOCK

Walter Marion Comstock was born November 17, 1875 at Fortuna, Missouri, the son of Bluford and Anna Phillips Comstock. His father was thrown from a horse and killed while breaking horses. His mother then married Ferdinand P. Cook. He has one sister, Dulcie Mayhew of Tipton, Missouri.

At age 17, Mr. Comstock was blind. He learned music and the skill of making brooms while attending the School for the Blind in St. Louis. Upon leaving school he traveled with a band for a few years.

In 1908 he returned to Fortuna and married Pearl Curts. For many years the Comstocks had a broom factory in Fortuna and Glensted. He also taught music at night.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1919 and served in that branch of the service until 1929. Most of the first four years were in sea service aboard the U.S.S. Utah. The six years following were in foreign service in Guam, Philippine Islands, and China. In the more than three years in China, he learned to converse in the Chinese language.

In 1923 at the expiration of his sea duty period, he was awarded a medal of honor. In 1929, when he received his honorable discharge with citation for honest, faithful, and efficient service, he was again awarded a medal.

In the 1930's he joined a brother in Cooper County, Missouri, where he worked for large scale farmers, including Frank Hilderbrand. Through the Hilderbrands, close friends

and, before the Lake of the Ozarks was formed, neighbors of the Rastorfers he met Hazel Rachel Rastorfer, daughter of John B. and Mary Ann (Kelly) Rastorfer, to whom he was married in Versailles, November 12, 1938.

They resided on the Rastorfer farm near Gravois Mills where Hazel was born August 31, 1899. For many years Ira hauled milk until forced by health problems to take early retirement.

They had two sons, Raymond Clayton, stillborn January 2, 1940, burial in Silvey Cemetery; and Kinton Marvin, born September 18, 1941.

Kinton attended Gravois Mills Elementary School and graduated from Versailles High School in 1959.

An excellent boat mechanic, he worked several years at Gatlin's Boatyards on the Lake of the Ozarks. It was at this place of occupation that he was drowned in a boat accident, July 8, 1968.

He was married October 7, 1962 to Sharon Butts. They were the parents of two daughters, Mary Ann, born December 22, 1964, and KenGe, who was born July 10, 1968, two days after her father's fatal accident and the day before his funeral.

After Ira's death at their home July 17, 1965, Hazel continued to live at the farm home, where she had spent her entire life, until her death November 14, 1975. Both were Southern Baptists, having been affiliated with both the First Baptist Church of Versailles and the Gravois Mills Baptist Church. They are buried in the Versailles Cemetery near their son, Kinton. *By Mrs. Wayne Snelling*

## JAMES Y. COOPER

James Y. Cooper from Hawkins County, Tennessee arrived with his family in the early 1830's to become some of the first Morgan County settlers. The first record shows them in the part of the county now Haw Creek Township. His mother, Mary, and brothers, John, Henry, Absolam, and William also owned land in Morgan County.

Family of James Wiley and Mary Elizabeth (Hughes) Cooper. *Back:* Lillian, Naomi, Waltie, Julius, Gertrude and Dollie. *Front:* James, Bonnie, James Wiley and Mary. Warren in center.

James Y., son of John and Mary (Young) Cooper who lived in North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, was married on July 29, 1822 to Margaret "Peggy" Larkin, daughter of Thomas and Ann Larkin in Tennessee. They were members of the Kingsport Presbyterian Church in 1824. They had a son, Arthur Young and a daughter, Mary E. when they arrived in Missouri.

Arthur Young, a farmer near Glensted, was twice married. He was first married to Mary Caroline, daughter of Jacob F. and Mary E. Kindrick, on March 3, 1853 and secondly to Sarah Elizabeth Cannon. Children from the first family were James Wiley, Margaret Caroline, Mary Ann, Elizabeth Jane and John William. James Wiley married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Richard William and Margaret Ann (Murray) Hughes, on March 1, 1874. Margaret Caroline married Jobe Franklin Smith, Mary Ann died when she was five years old, Elizabeth Jane married Charley H. Mock and John William married Lou Evans. The children of Arthur Young and Sarah Elizabeth were: Arthur Young, Robert Russell, Thomas Beverly, George Lank, Sarah Estella, Albert Raford and two babies who died in infancy.

James Wiley and Mary Elizabeth were parents of thirteen: Julius Richard, Virginia "Vergie", Naomi Caroline, Lillian Berbie who married J.A. Brockman, Wiley Young married Kate Chism, Waltie Jane who married James Clarence Ford, Dollie Margaret married Dr. Charles Cochran, James Lovin, Gertrude Reese, Doris, Hal Warren who married Nora Thixton, Esther Lelia married Elmer Sparks and Bonnie Bakewell who married Robert McMahel. Only Julius and "Vergie" leave descendants residing in Morgan County. Julius Richard married first, Maude E. Sims and their children were: Cheveliar Vincent, William Warren, Inez, James Herbert, Mary Maurine, and Helen Maud. Two of these sons, sucessful businessmen, are living: Warren of Stover, Missouri and Herbert of Warsaw, Missouri.

The second wife of Julius Richard, Sudie Ratcliff, resides in Stover, Missouri. Sudie has two children, Robert of Stover, Missouri and Virginia Louise of Versailles, who married Gregory Ross. The Rosses live on the farm which belonged to her grandfather, James Wiley and great, great grandfather, James Y.

Virginia Ann, "Vergie" married Robert L. Todd a descendant of Jonathan C. and Permelia (Collins) Todd. They were the parents of four daughters, two of these survive, Gertrude and Doris of Versailles. Gertrude married Jack Lee and they had three children, Ola Virginia, Robert Lloyd of Iowa, and Nelson Eugene. Virginia married Dean Hodges and they live at Stover, Missouri. Dean is postmaster at Sunrise Beach, Missouri. Their children and grandchildren (8th generation from James Y. Cooper) live in Morgan County except for one daughter's family at La Monte, Missouri. Nelson married Darlene Coffman and they live with their three children in Versailles.

Doris married Joe L. Sims, son of Harvey E. and Mary Ellen (Daniels) Sims, who was a veteran of WWI and life long farmer. Their daughter, Marie Ann married Wayne E. McCollom of El Dorado Springs, Missouri. *Marie Ann McCollon*

## ROBERT R. (BOB) COOPER

Robert R. (Bob) Cooper was born in Morgan County near Glensted, Missouri on October 23, 1870, the son of A.Y. and Sarah Cannon Cooper. He grew up in the Glensted community and April 8, 1902 he married Jennie Lind McIntosh. She was born February 2, 1880, daughter of George and Betty Gerhart McIntosh. She died November 10, 1965.

In the fall of 1902 Bob and Jennie moved to a farm near Greenridge, Missouri where they lived until 1920. They sold their farm and bought a home near Otterville, Missouri where they lived until his death in 1935.

Their children were Albert, Sarah, Tom, Ada and Mary Virginia.

Also had three brothers, A.R. (Bert), Tom and G.L. Cooper. One sister, Mrs. George (Stella) Gerhart, a half brother, J.W. Cooper and two half sisters, Mrs. C.H. (Betty) Mock and Mrs. Margaret Smith.

He was a member of the Glensted Methodist Church.

## VIC COURSEY

Vic Coursey, son of Dolph and Myrtle Clary Coursey, and his wife, Pat, daughter of Earl and Margie Hedrick Patterson, grew up in northwestern Oklahoma, where Vic worked with his father installing electrification in farm homes.

After they were married in 1950, they moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and later to Wichita, Kansas. In the fall of 1953 they and their one-year-old daughter, Debra Lynn,

moved to the Ontario, California area. There three other children, Kim, Lisa and Cameron were born.

In 1959 Vic and a friend established West End Electric Corp. in Ontario, which they owned until 1969.

By 1969 Vic and Pat had begun dreaming of timber, creeks and wide open spaces and wanted to get their family to an environment similar to that in which they had been reared. Their love of boating and water skiing led them to the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri.

In 1971 Debra married her former classmate, Larry Bentch, son of Don and Mary Bentch of Morgan County. They have three children, Shawna, Kriston and Tristen.

Kim married a Canadian girl, Rowena Dirks, whom he met at Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. They moved to Versailles and operated the Pastry Parlor for two years. Present plans are for Kim to attend school at Winnipeg Bible College, starting 1979.

Lisa married Carroll Gene Pilant and lives on a farm near Lincoln, Missouri.

Cameron is in the eighth grade at Versailles Junior High School.

In October, 1977 Vic and Pat received their real estate salesman's licenses and are associated with Century 21, Larry Gerken Real Estate Company in Versailles.

Vic and Pat and their son, Cameron, are members of the newly organized Calvary Baptist Church in Versailles. *By Pat Coursey*

Dr. F.A. Crowson - 1942

## ARMSTEAR D. CRANE

Armstear D. Crane and Elizabeth Wiggenton were married January 22, 1802 in Virginia. They came to Boone County, Missouri about 1840, with their four children, Serinda, Thomas, Margaret and Susan. Their daughter, Mildred was born in Boone County in 1841. Two years later the family moved to Morgan County, Missouri settling south of Big Rock Baptist Church, in a log cabin where their daughter, Almira was born in 1843 and son, Francis Marion in 1849.

I remember my mother, Cora Kidwell, granddaughter of the Cranes, said they produced most of their food and clothing. They made linen cloth from their flax patches, carded, spun and wove linsey-woolsey material for clothing and bed linens.

A shoe cobbler came to their home once a year and lived there until he had made one pair of shoes for each member of the family from the leather they had tanned. They made molasses from their cane, hunted and found wild honey, made homemade soap from lye from their ash hopper. They also molded their own bullets for the guns used for hunting.

The Cranes made a trip to Jefferson City once or twice a year, traveling by oxen-drawn wagon, taking five days to make the round trip. There they got their mail which came to Jefferson City and sold produce and furs and bought salt, coffee and gunpowder. Mrs. Crane made butter to sell, often having to keep it six months before she could get a way to send it to market, keeping it in salt brine to preserve it.

Their daughter, Serinda, married a Mr. McLaughlin. After his death she married Rev. Jackson, a primitive Baptist preacher. Margaret married Mr. Kelly, Susan married Reuben Routon, Mildred married John W. Imler, Almira married Richard Stoddard.

No one knows what happened to their sons, Thomas and Francis. One hundred thirty-six years since the Cranes settled in Morgan County there are still 35 known descendants of Armstear and Elizabeth Crane. The descendants still live within fifteen or twenty miles of the place where they first settled.

## FORREST ALBERT CROWSON

F.A. Crowson was born in Callawy County, August 15, 1885, and had a twin sister, Nettie. Forrest was one of twelve children of Jonathan and Sarah Frances Smart Crowson, who lived on farms northwest of Fulton. The family raised orchard and berry crops.

Dr. and wife, Lenna Crowson - 1940 and children
*L to r:* Vivian, Doyle, and Donald.

As a young man, Forrest Crowson loved animals and learned to train and care for horses, which he often rode at county fairs. In his twenties, he moved to La Russell, Missouri, and trained horses in Lawrence County. Here he met Lenna Dell Wormington, switchboard operator for the telephone company. Lenna was one of twelve children of Wiley and Sarah Jane Miller Wormington. Forrest and Lenna were married December 9, 1914.

Soon afterward, Forrest decided to become a veterinarian. He entered the St. Joseph Veterinary College and received his veterinary medicine degree in 1918. During this period, two

children were born to the Crowsons: Vivian in 1915, and Doyle in 1917. After graduation the family moved to Sarcoxie, Missouri, where a third child, Leland, was born in 1920.

In 1924, the Crowsons moved to Versailles, and Donald was born there in 1928. Dr. Crowson practiced in Morgan and surrounding counties for more than forty years, and dedicated himself to his work with seldom a vacation taken. He attended veterinary meetings each year, and would have been a fifty-year member of the Veterinary Medical Association, had he lived one more year.

Lenna Crowson died September 6, 1942. Dr. Forrest Crowson married Beatrice Kavanaugh on April 15, 1944. Beatrice had two daughters. Kathryn married N.C. Reusser and they became parents of Jane and Teri. Natalie married John Collum, a serviceman in Washington, D.C., and they had four children: John, Ronald, Rebecca and Rachel.

Vivian Crowson married Harold Elley, son of George and Minnie Elley, and their son, Douglas, was born July 6, 1946.

Doyle Crowson never married, and after working at the Martin Defense Plant in Baltimore, he served two years in the U.S. Army — part of the time with the army of occupation in Germany. In 1949 he went to Wichita, Kansas where he was employed at the Boeing Plant and still is.

Leland Crowson served six years in the U.S. Navy, was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart. After discharge, he went to Los Angeles, where he met and married a girl from Burlington, Vermont. His wife, Winefred, had a son, Bill. Leland and Winefred's son, John, was born January 17, 1951.

Donald Crowson served two years in the Army, and later married Lu Alice Kidwell, daughter of Clyde and Vera Olive Kidwell, on June 11, 1950. In 1952, they moved to Denver, Colorado, where Donald was employed as a printer. Two daughters, Sally Elizabeth and Susan Dell. In 1964, Donald married Dorothy Jean Kidwell. They live in Kansas City, Missouri, where he is employed as a printer for the police department.

"Doc" Crowson, as Forrest was called, died June 14, 1967, at the Golden Age Nursing Home at Stover, where he had been a patient for three months. His wife, "Bea," had died earlier, on June 3, 1964. For a year before his death, Doc Crowson lived with his daughter, Vivian, and her husband, because of ill health.

## ANDREW JACKSON CROY

Andrew Jackson Croy, better known as "Jack", was born April 2, 1882 in Camden County, Missouri. His parents were Jeremiah and Florence Croy. Jeremiah was born in Ohio October 6, 1831 and died January 30, 1887. He served with the Ohio Infantry in the Civil War. He migrated to Missouri from Ohio in the mid-1800's.

April 6, 1871 he married Florence M. Davenport, born December 2, 1884, died November 7, 1937. They lived in Camden county where six children were born, John, Marinda, Ellen, Louis, Andrew J. and Samuel.

In March, 1897 Jack came with his mother and family to South Morgan County, Missouri where they bought a small farm.

Jack married Martha Kathryn Carver in March, 1901, who was born November 3, 1879. They lived 54 years on Jack's farm. Five other children were born, Reta, 1905, died 1910; Gladys, 1907; Grace, 1910; Claude, 1913; Evie, 1916.

Gladys married Emery Chamberlain, 1926, and they lived in South Morgan where their daughters, Norma Jean, 1929, Louise, 1931, and Shirley, 1935, were born. They moved to Versailles in 1968. Emery died in 1972. In 1977, Gladys married Vernon Roe of Mora, Missouri.

Grace married Everett Coffman in 1928. They lived at Proctor, Missouri where two children, Everett, Jr., 1929 and Darlene, 1936, were born. In 1937 they moved to Versailles. Here the other children, Robert, 1937; Kenneth, 1939; and Paul, 1943, were born. Everett died January, 1975.

Andrew Jackson and Martha Kathern (Carver) Croy, 1899

Claude married Sarah O. Jenkins 1935. They lived in South Morgan where their children, Evelyn, 1936 and Franklin, 1938 were born. Claude and Sarah now live on the Sturgeon farm on Lake Road 135-3. Claude retired in January, 1977 after thirty years service with the Forestry Division of the Missouri Conservation.

Jack Croy - 95 yrs. in 1977

Evie married Frank Hanrahan 1933. Their children were Roy Gene, 1934 and Claudine, 1937. In 1948, Evie married Tom E. Laurie and they live at Laurie.

All of Jack Croy's grandchildren are married and have families. Most live in Morgan County. He has thirty-five great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

In his younger days Jack worked in the timber, cutting and making railroad ties and helped raft them down the Osage River to old Bagnell.

Jack was the champion fiddler of Morgan, Miller and Camden counties for several years. He once won $15 in gold at an old fiddler's contest at Linn Creek, Missouri.

Jack and Martha moved to Versailles in 1955. She died in 1965. Jack lives in Versailles and is 96. *By Claude Croy*

## EDWIN WILLIAM CURTIS

Edwin William Curtis was born in Lancashire, England in 1852; when he was a small boy, he came to the U.S. and with his parents settled on a farm near Tiffin, Iowa. In 1879 he married Elizabeth Myers at Iowa City, Iowa. Later they moved to Versailles, Missouri with two sons: Edwin Ed) and Lester (Tom) and engaged in business for 37 years. While living in Versailles, Rosina and Sarah were born.

*L to r:* Rosina (Curtis) Allen, Norma Jean Nichols and Sarah Curtis.

The Curtis Building dates back for 63 years. When the American Legion, took over the building at the southeast corner of the square, It is said, "that the location of a house was built here, long before Versailles existed."

The brick building housed the hardware store, all of that time. It was built by, E.W. Curtis and John Gray of Jefferson, Iowa, partners in business. The building was inspected in 1947. The walls, they reported, were as true as the day they were put in. When Curtis and Gray bought the lot from John Hannay in 1894, his print shop was located on it. He moved the frame building off and this structure is the center around which the W.F. Kidwell's home is built. The building is all put together with square nails and divided thru the center, upstairs and down, by a brick wall. The upstairs is divided into rooms and it is reached by a cast iron stairway on the west side. The work on the building was done by the two partners with the help of a brick mason from out of town.

Curtis and Gray opened business in March, 1885. The downstairs was used for the hardware and harness store. It was first in the east room and the west side was rented to different grocers. Later the west room was taken by the Hardware business for a sales room and the east room was used for storage.

E.W. Curtis bought out his partner, John Gray in 1912. Mr. Curtis also had grocery supplies along the west wall and he was noted for his penny candy trade and always saw to it that small children would get a piece of candy.

Upstairs the southpart was for many years used for a photograph studio. Ed Clodfelter succeeded the first photographer.

Mrs. Rosina Allen and brother Lester took over the store after their father's death in 1921 and after Lester died in 1939. Mrs. Rosina Allen took active charge of the business, started by her father. She closed the business in 1948. Rosina Curtis had at one time taught school for several years, before entering business in Versailles. She was a member of the D.A.R. Rosina passed away in 1963. Her mother, Mrs. E.W. Curtis, had passed away in 1956.

Ed Curtis the oldest son, also helped in the store as a young man. He married Carrie Schilling of Seward, Kansas in 1903, and worked in the harness shop of his father's and after several years of living in Versailles, they moved to Hudson, Kansas with their son, Gustus. Ed passed away in 1972, and his wife Carrie in 1945. He was survived by three daughters, and three sons, one married daughter passed away in 1943; ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Sarah Curtis also had an interest in the store and helped whenever needed. Sarah, when she was unable to stay by herself, went to Kansas in 1971, to be near her nephews and nieces, and now resides at the Hearthstone Home, in St. John, Kansas.

The family were members of the Westminister Presbyterian Church.

## DAVID DANIELS

David Daniels born 1818 Cheshire County, England, died 1898 Morgan County, Missouri, buried Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery, was married twice. He was one of three brothers known to have come to the United States. Issac born in 1808 came about 1839 and lived in St. Louis. Joel born in 1816 and came in 1847 to St. Louis and later to Morgan County, Missouri. David came with his first wife Mary in 1849 to St. Louis also and is listed there in the Census of 1850 along with his daughter, Harriet born in 1843, in England from his first union. It is thought his first wife's last name is Walton. She was born in 1820 in England and died early in the 1850's in St. Louis. They were reported to have had five children. It is presumed four of the children might have died early. David Daniels married a second time in 1856 at St. Louis to Mrs. Agnes (Powell) Williams Jones. She had one son by a previous marriage, Kleber "Conway" Jones. In addition to Harriet, daughter by his first marriage, there were six children from the second union: 1. Agnes 1857-1936 married Thomas H. Elliott and had eight children. 2. David 1858-1866. 3. Samuel 1860-1923 married Anna S. French and had two children. 4. William H. 1861-1912 married Maggie M. Huffman and had two children. 5. Hannah 1863-1945 married William L. Bradshaw and had eight children. 6. Issac 1868-1935 married Penola "Grace" Sims and had four children. The children of David Daniels second marriage and the children of Mrs. Harriet (Daniels) Mobley had close family ties. Most of the offspring by the second marriage remained in Morgan County, but several of the grandchildren of this Mobley family moved west to Colorado and California.

Harriet Daniels married James M. Mobley born 1833 Kentucky in 1859 and had eleven children. They did not all survive to adulthood, three died as infants, two girls died of consumption in their early twenties, two boys remained single and the four others married and had children, one boy and three girls. The children of James M. and Harriet (Daniels) Mobley are: 1. Mary Elizabeth 1860-1906 married Willard C. Brown of Morgan County and had seven children. 2. William L. 1862-1943 married Malinda J. Brown, (sister to Willard C. above) and had eleven children, only seven surviving to adulthood. 3. Lenora 1865-1888. 4. Jemmima 1868-1889 married Charles Campbell. 5. Susan A. 1870-1870. 6. Lucy O. 1871-1951 married Henry Crutchfield and had two children. 7. David 1873-1951. Single 8. Agnes Mobley 1876-1947 married Thomas A. Luttrell and had six children. 9. Samuel 1878-1880. 10. James A. 1881-1947. Single 11. Harriet A. died as an infant.

(I believe others are doing the descendants of David Daniels' second children so I will carry down the offspring by the first marriage) Mobley great-grandchildren of David Daniels and Mary Walton: 1. The children of Willard C. and Mary E. (Mobley) Brown; 1. Alice J. Brown 1888-1978 married James E. O'Hare. No issue. 2. Clarence J. Brown 1890-1961 married Maggie Denny and had five children. 3. William L. Brown

David Daniels

Agnes Powell Daniels

1891-1952, married (Mrs.) Ruth (Warren) Kelly. No issue. 4. Montgomery H. Brown 1892-1932. Single 5. Willis Berton (Bert) Brown 1894-1975 married Orma Green and had three children. 6. Anna E. Brown 1896-1968 married 1. Ross Jones, died 1918 in France; 2. William L. Crosbie and had two children. 7. George A. Brown 1898-1963. Single.

2. The children of William L. and Malinda J. (Brown) Mobley: 1. Harriett 1887-1888. (a twin). 2. Josiphine 1887-1888 (a twin). 3. Henry H. 1889-1963 married Margaret H. Ballard and had three children. 4. Ocello B. 1890-1964 married Josephine Strubbs and had six children. 5. John D. 1892-1969 married Myrl Tormey and had three children. 6. Gracie L. 1895-1885. 7. James A. 1896-1971 married Sidney I. Jarmon and had two children. 8. Clarence D. 1898-1973 married Elsie Williamson had no issue. 9. William P. 1900-1918. 10. Minnie L. 1904- married Leroy P. Crenshaw and had one son. 11. Gladys E. 1907- married Thomas C. Flynn, Sr. and had two children.

The children of Henry S. and Lucy O. (Mobley) Crutchfield: 1. Maud J. 1895- married Allen Sherman. Had two children. 2. Henry E. 1897-1974 married Anna Black. Had three children; one died in infancy.

The children of Thomas A. and Agnes (Mobley) Luttrell: 1. Birdie L. 1898- married William R. Dresser and had two children. 2. Rachel L. 1902-1969 married Charles J. Schick. No issue. 3. James L. 1905-1974 married Betty Markley. No issue. 4. Edwin A. 1909-1972 married Margaret Dovgalo had one daughter. 5. Thomas A. Jr. 1912-1936. Single. 6. Agnes L. 1915- married Charles E. Ennis and had four children.

The last letter received by the family that is existent from overseas relatives was dated July, 1863 and is addressed to Mrs. Harriet (Daniels) Mobley (in Morgan County, Missouri) from "your grandmother Ann Walton" return address: The Shade, near The Red Lion Inn, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire, England. *Submitted by Alice Brown*

## DAVID DANIELS

Agnes Powell Williams, born in Breenshire, South Wales, Great Britain in 1827. She left Wales when about eighteen years of age and settled in St. Louis, Missouri. Her husband, Richard Williams died only a short time after coming to the United States. As a young widow living in St. Louis, Agnes Powell Williams married Frances Jones, a native of Holywell, Flintshire, North Wales. To this marriage was born a son, Kleber Conway Jones, who became one of Morgan County's leading citizens. Frances Jones died February 15, 1855.

Family tradition says that he died as the result of lifting a barrel of cider as a feat of strength. The third husband of Agnes Powell Williams Jones was David Daniels, who was born in Cheshire, England April 20, 1818. He emigrated to America in 1849 and lived in St. Louis County for about ten years. His first marriage took place in England. Five children were born to this marriage. Only one child grew to maturity.

Agnes and David Daniels were married in St. Louis County in 1856, she having a son and he a daughter. In the spring of 1858 they moved from St. Louis County to Morgan County. They took up some four hundred acres about five miles East of Versailles. Much of the land was wooded and had to be cleared for farming and stock farming. Their first house was built of logs. At a later time a one room frame school house was built on the land, known as the Daniels School, later named Marvin. They were also active in building a country church named Beulah. The following children were born to this marriage:

Agnes, who was married to Thomas H. Elliott. Eight children were born to this union: Dave, Bill, Powell, Hannah, Ruth, Conway, Sam and Clara. Hannah, who married William Leonard Bradshaw. To this union were born eight children, Dan, Bill, Ivor, Ike, George, Harold, Agnes and Tilla.

Samuel, who married Sue French, and to this union was born two children, Maurine and Annie Lewis. Issac was married to Grace Sims. To this union was born four children, Annie, Dora Maud, Earl and Joe. William Henry was married to Maggie Huffman. To this union was born two children, Frank and Mae. David, who died at eight years of age and is buried at Big Rock.

Following the death of David Daniels, his land was divided among his children. The Elliott farm was farmed by his grandsons until their death. Joe Daniels bought his father's farm, until 1968 when he sold it and moved to town. Frank Daniels still lives on the place that was given to his father. Instead of land, Hannah Bradshaw received money and stock, and she and her husband bought a farm in the neighborhood.

There are many descendants of Agnes and David Daniels in the home neighborhood, in Versailles and on farms in Morgan County. *Mae Daniels Welpman*

## EARL FRANCIS DANIELS

Earl Francis Daniels was born at Marvin, southeast of Versailles on December 20, 1896. He was the son of Issac and Grace Sims Daniels. He served in World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Daniels

On July 1, 1919 he was married to Rosa Verne Buzan. They lived all their married life on a farm northeast of Versailles, now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Daniels.

Earl was a farmer and stockman until he retired.

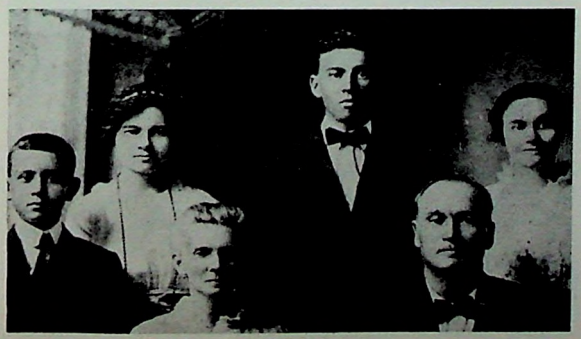
They were the parents of nine children, Frances, Altifia, Katherine, Georgia, Peggy, Jack, Jim and Tom Daniels.

Katherine was born March 17, 1925 and died April 10, 1931.

Earl Daniels died July 1, 1970 and Mrs. Daniels died September 23, 1971. They are all buried at Beulah Church Cemetery southeast of Versailles. *Mrs. Harold Campbell*

## ISAAC DANIELS

Issac Daniels was born May 12, 1868, the son of David H. and Agnes Powell Jones Daniels. He was married to Grace Sims on March 1, 1890. Grace was born September 4, 1868, the daughter of Rev. James E. and Ann Williams Sims. Rev. Sims was a Baptist minister.



Isaac Daniels Family

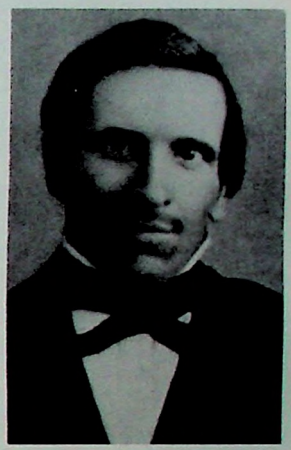
Mr. Daniels owned and operated a store at Marvin, Missouri just southeast of Versailles. He was also a postmaster at that location. The Beulah Baptist Church stands on land that he gave for a church and cemetery. He also gave the land where the Marvin school, now the Marvin Community Center now stands.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels were the parents of five children, Ernest, who died in infancy, Anna, Earl, Dora Maude and Ike Joe.

Mr. Daniels died April 4, 1935 and Mrs. Daniels died April 3, 1947. They and their son are buried at Beulah Cemetery southeast of Versailles.

## JOEL DANIELS

Joel Daniels, born about 1816, came to America from Manchester, England, in 1847. His brother, David Daniels, was born April 20, 1818, at Cheshire, England, and came to America in 1849, to live at Marvin, Missouri. Another brother, Isaac Daniels, lived at St. Louis.



Joel Daniels — father of Mary Ellen Daniels

David Daniels was the grandfather of Frank, Ike Joe and the late Earl Daniels of Morgan County.

Joel Daniels and his second wife, Rebecca Moore Daniels, were married May 4, 1859, in Morgan County. Both are buried at the Freedom Baptist Church Cemetery. Mrs. Joel Daniels was born in Virginia and came to Morgan County with her parents, Thomas and Sarah (Doran) Moore, from Hampshire County, Virginia. Sarah Doran was the second wife of Thomas Moore; they were married August 4, 1824, in Virginia.

Joel and Rebecca Moore Daniels lived in the Walnut Grove school district, near the residence of the late Clarence Merriott. Their children were Mary Ellen, Sally, William H. and Thomas Daniels.

Mary Ellen married Harvey E. Sims. They had four children: Bessie, who died in infancy; Bertha, who married John W. Todd; Aubrey J. and Joe L. Sims. Sally Daniels married Orsino Ross. Their children were Shelby Ross, Irene and Stella Ross. Both Mary Ellen and Sally Daniels were charter scholars of the Freedom Sunday school when it was organized in 1882.

William H. Daniels was the father of Charley Daniels, John Daniels, Kate Daniels Marriott, Mary Daniels Krider, and Lou Daniels Reed, all deceased, and of Grace Daniels Hughes of Jacksonville, Illinois, and Henry Daniels, of Versailles.

Thomas Daniels was the father of Alma (Mrs. Ward) Daniels Kerr, Isabelle (Mrs. George) Daniels Baughman, Agnes (Mrs. Clarence) Daniels Jenkins and Norville Daniels.

## JONAS DECKER

In the spring of 1856, Jonas Decker (1822-1878) and his wife Susan Gochenour Decker (1821-1896) left West Virginia with their six small children, William Henry (1846-1875);

David Clinton (1849- ); Jacob Benton (1852-1908); Jonah Lemuel (1852-1935); Christopher Columbus (1854-1939); Mary (Sis) (1855- ) and traveled to Columbus Ohio, where they took up temporary residence and awaited the birth of their seventh child. John Wesley (1856-1942) arrived October 15, 1856 and the family soon took up their trek west. The spring of 1857 found the family homesteading a section of land in the northern part of Morgan County Missouri (Sec. 8; Township 45; Range 18) and the southern tip of Cooper County. January 21, 1859 twin sons were born. The doctor attending Mrs. Decker was Doctor Chalmus Edmund Cooper. In those days, if you named your baby after the attending physician, his fees were cut. With twins, it was necessary to have the fees reduced, so they were named Joseph and Doctor Cooper Decker. Joseph was swimming on a Sunday afternoon in June of 1881, contrary to the religious beliefs of the family, and drowned at the age of 22. Doc, (1859-1955) lived the longest of any of the family. Another daughter Nancy Jane (1861-1897) and another son Andrew McClelland (1863-1946) completed the Jonas Decker family. As the children grew up and married, Jonas gave each child an eighty acre track of land. David and his wife Susan, chose to accept money and moved to Troy, Kansas where they are buried. Mary and her husband Tolbert Birch, had the track of land to the far northwest of the section, and later sold it to Roy Decker (son of Jonah) and his wife Bertie Corson Decker. Bertie and her daughter Olive and husband, Jewell Robertson are still residing on the property.

The Birch family moved to Slater, Missouri where they are buried. Christopher and his wife Mary Bryan Decker owned the south eighty acres on the western edge of the section. Their son, Cyrus and his wife Nettie Corson Decker took over the eighty at the death of the elder Deckers. Nettie is the present owner and resident of the property. Jacob and his wife Alice Cordrey Decker owned the 80 making up the north border of the section in Cooper County. Jonah and his wife Appalonia Shafaer Decker had the eighty that was known as the home place. The original home cabin was built approximately 500 feet west of the now Missouri Pacific Railroad and 200 feet south from the Cooper County line. This farm is now owned by Nathan Miller.

John and his wife, Margaret Ann Dinwiddie Decker owned the middle eighty in Cooper County, and Andrew (Clell) and his wife Dolly York Decker owned the northeast eighty in Cooper County. Doc, and his wife Theodocia Ernest Dinwiddie Decker, owned the middle eighty in Morgan County. In 1926 they sold the farm to their daughter Zeda Anne and her Husband Monroe L. Neale, who still reside on the property. In fact, Zeda has lived all but five of her 84 years in the house in which she was born. Their Daughter, Anne and her husband, Donald Zumsteg have also built a house on the original eighty.

David Earl (son of John) and his wife Viola Peoples Decker, have resided all their 66 years of married life in Morgan County just south of the eighty given to Will Henry and later purchased by John. To the east of the Earl Decker property, Lottie Agnes, (Daughter of Doc) and her husband Thomas Bahrenburg purchased seventy acres. Lottie resides in Syracuse and still owns the seventy acres.

Of the original Jonas and Susan Decker family, almost all are still residents of Morgan County as all but David and Mary are buried in the Syracuse Cemetery. *By Anne Zumsteg*

## JULIA ANNA EDWARDS DELOZIER

James Edwards came from England to the United States. He married Julia Anna Paige, possibly in Tennessee. Children, born in Illinois: John J. and William P., twins born August 22, 1837; James M. September 7, 1840; and Mary Jane August 17, 1844. George Emery, May 17, 1847 (lived Morgan County, Missouri), and Riley M., July 16, 1849, were born in Missouri. James Edwards started west for the goldfields of California in 1849, but died enroute near Greenriver, Wyoming, leaving a fatherless family in Missouri.

George Edwards and wife, McOlin Mathis Edwards

Family Group, children of George M. and McOlin Mathis Edwards

Julia Anna Paige Edwards married Perrin Delozier about 1852-3. The 1860 census of Dade County, Missouri, shows Perrin Delozier 45, Juliana 44, Sarah A. 6, Martha C. 4, John J. Edwards 23, William P. 23, James M. 18, Mary J. 16, George E. 13, Riley M. 11. The 1850 census for Cedar County, Missouri shows Perrin Delozier 41, Elizabeth 18, Asa 20, Mary L. 15, Mitilda 13, Susan F. 11, Margaret 8. (No wife).

The 1870 census for Lebanon Twp., Cooper County, Missouri shows Perrin Delozier 60, Juliana 51, Riley M. Edwards 20, Sarah Delozier 15, Martha C. 13, and Thomas 9. In the same township are John J. Edwards, William P., George Edwards, McOlin his wife, and children Cora B., William, and David P. Edwards.

Nothing further is available on children of Perrin Delozier born before his second marriage. Of the three children of the second marriage; Sarah Delozier married a man named Bell, 1873, and they had Clardy W., Martha, and Carrie; Martha Clementine Delozier Married George Burford (Morgan County) 1880, and had Lewis and Erma Lee Burford; Thomas

Delozier died as a youth. Perrin and Juliana Delozier owned land in section 32 west of Otterville, Missouri. They are buried in IOOF Cemetery, Otterville.

Children of James and Julia Anna Paige Edwards:

John J. Edwards married September 13, 1878, Miranda Isabelle Gilliam. They lived Jasper County, Missouri near Galesburg. He died 1922 and she died 1927. Burial Georgia City cemetery. Their children: Judy E. Edwards born 1879, died 1888; Julia Ann, married first Jodie Scruggs, second Mr. Fox; Wesley, died as an infant; Alton Lloyd, married Dorothy Mae Oliver, died in California; Roxie Adeline, married Vernon Cook; William Garrett, died at age one year; Vera Clementine, married Charles Ernst Horn. John J. Edwards, Civil War veteran, Private, Company D, 8th Reg. Mo. State Militia Cavalry.

William P. Edwards, born 1837, twin to John J., never married, lived Otterville. Buried IOOF cemetery. He was Civil War veteran as First Corporal, Regt. of Mo. Militia of Cooper County.

James M. Edwards, born 1840, married Liza Layne, and died 1882. Buried at Otterville. Children by first marriage: Thomas Benton, married Daisy Florence Bell; Riley J. married Susan Frances Homan. Children by second marriage: Rosie, Ida and Florence. James M. Edwards Civil War record not available.

Mary Jane Edwards, born 1844, married first, Green Davis, lived near Aldrich in Polk county, Missouri. Children: Ed, Davis, Will R., Lonnie, and Clementine.

George Emery Edwards, fifth child of James and Julia Anna Paige Edwards was born 1847 in Missouri. He lived 1871 to 1884 on sec. 15, T45, R19, Morgan County, Missouri. See also the account, George Emery Edwards and McOlin M. Mathis Edwards.

Riley M. Edwards, youngest child of James Edwards, was born July 16, 1849. He left Missouri about 1875 and settled in the Colorado San Luis Valley. Married Mary E. Long. Children: Finis H., Clarence A., Ada, and Edna. Riley M. Edwards was a farmer and stockman. He died 1944. Buried Monte Vista. *Submitted by Richard Laurence Edwards*

## JOHN GEORGE DIENER

John George Diener was born in France May 8, 1779 and died March 5, 1833. He married Magdalina Miller, born November 9, 1788, died March 13, 1837. After their death their family of four sons and five daughters came to America in 1838.

George Diener

Mary Ann (Mossholder) Diener

George Diener was the sixth son of John George and Magdalina. He was born in France in 1822 and came to America in 1838. He married Mary Ann Mossholder in Berlin, Pennsylvania in 1863. They moved to Missouri in 1869. They were the parents of five daughters, Anna Diener Oesch, born October 25, 1864, died August 13, 1936; Sarah Diener Roth, born June 4, 1866, died ; Susanna Diener Schrock, born July 24, 1868, died May 3, 1936; Eli M. Diener, born July 10, 1869, died ; John M. Diener, born January 18, 1871; Emma Diener Starkey, born December 1, 1872, died September 8, 1924; Moses M. Diener, born November 22, 1874, died January 5, 1962; Lydia Diener, born October 25, 1876; David M. Diener, born July 4, 1887; Aaron M. Diener, born February 2, 1880.

Moses M. Diener married Sarah Lena Raber December 5, 1895. Their children were Lela Pearl, March 1, 1897, married David K. Nebel (children: Paul Daniel Nebel, Joseph Diener Nebel, Carol Amanda Nebel and Lydia Caroline Nebel.)

Mary Elizabeth Diener, born April 21, 1898, married Edwin R. Garber. Their children Raymond Clinton Garber, Robert Lee Garber, Pauline Garber Wulff, Tilman Dennis Garber, Ina Mae Garber McCormick, Edwin Roy Garber, Jr., Homer Wayne Garber, William Moses Garber, Norman Diener Garber, Lena June Garber Alexandra, Velma Leann Garber Reiss, Mary Elizabeth Garber Lehman, Rosella Joy Garber Fulks and Violet Marie, born and died in 1939.

George Peter Diener married Ruth Edelmann. Children Georgie Ruth Diener Wilcox, Rose Marie Diener Wenger, Laura Beth McKenzie, Bertha Mae Diener Premo and Wilma June Diener Thompson.

Alice Mabel Diener, born August 31, 1901, unmarried; Beulah Susan Diener, born August 24, 1903, unmarried: Edward Lee Diener, born February 19, 1906, died April 1, 1975. Married Rhoda Frances Magines. Their children are Marvin Lee Diener and Ronald Gene Diener. Esther Mae Diener, born May 23, 1908, unmarried.

M.N. Diener was a farmer and lived on a farm all his life near Holden, Missouri until in 1920 they moved to a farm near Versailles in the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church area. *By Alice Diener*

## TOMMIE DILSE

Tommie and Ida Dilse

Tommie and Ida Birdsong Dilse came to Fortuna from Clarksburg, Missouri. They were one of Fortunas first switchboard operators, this being the time people used the old hand crank type telephones that hung on the wall. Customers had to keep up their own telephone lines. Sometimes there would be as high as seventeen families on one line. Many people liked to listen in on the "party lines", to hear what was going

on in the neighborhood. If too many listened in, it made the line so weak, one could hardly hear.

Tommie was often called out to help on the line. After high Winds, if the lines would hit each other, one could hear cross talk. He was good fixing phones also. He sold out in the early 30's and moved to Barnett, where they run the switch-board for years. Here they spent the rest of their lives, he died December 28, 1952 and Ida in 1958.

Tommie was born in 1867, the son of Mary Ellis York and Charles Bailey Dilse. Charles parents were Mary Atkeson and John Dilse. Tommie's mother, Mary, was known to all as "Aunt Polly". She was born October 20, 1838 in Terre Haute, Indiana and made her home for fourteen years with Tommie and Ida in Fortuna. Aunt Polly had a room across the hall from switch-board which was in one part of the Dilse's living room. She died in Fortuna on September 26, 1932 at age 96. Aunt Polly's children were Tommie (T.H.), W.A. Dilse, Mrs. Dallas Winnebrenner and Mrs. Oliver Vaugh of Clarksburg.

Tommie's wife, Ida, was the daughter of Richard and Nancy Birdsong. The children of Tommie and Ida are: Lillie, born in 1892, married Ernest Crantz; Leta, born June 18, 1897, married John Edwin (Ed.) Hays on June 8, 1919. Ed was born June 10, 1887 in Morgan County, the son of Rose Ann Newkirk and Benjamin Franklin Hays. Leta was Ed's second wife and there were no children; Ledrew, the youngest, born about 1910. He married a girl named Smith.

## JAMES DINWIDDIE

James and William Dinwiddie, two sons of William Dinwiddie III, came to Missouri in 1818. They settled in Howard County with their families. Later James and his three sons, Ben Frank, Samuel and James II, came to Morgan County and settled near Florence.

Rev. Benjamin Franklin, born in Kentucky, married Eliza Ann Mosley. She died in 1863 and was buried in the old Finley — Dinwiddie family cemetery on the Carl Siegel farm near Florence. There is an old chimney still standing at the cemetery that marks Civil War days on this farm. Rev. and Eliza had ten children: Lafayette, Lorinda Jane, James Betcher, Lott Hackney, Snelling Johnson, Thermutis "Pony", Samuel Newton, Luthera Catherine, Mary Arthusa, Elizabeth Prudence.

Samuel Dinwiddie, born in Kentucky moved to a farm three miles north of Florence and married Emaline Thrailkill. He is buried at Bethlehem Church Cemetery. They had eight children: James William, Eliza Jane married John P. Martin, they had five children; Mary Elizabeth; Samuel Patrick; Maltha Eamline married Fritz Cramer and had five children; Robert Finel married Louisa Elizabeth Allison, they had eight children, Susan Ann, born 1871, died 1948, married John William Chambersand and had three children; Silas Franklin Dinwiddie.

James L. Dinwiddie, the youngest son of James Dinwiddie, born in Kentucky, and died 1901 in Morgan County. He moved to a farm three miles north of Florence, Missouri. He married Ann Davis in 1853. Both buried in Syracuse Cemetery. They had five children: Margaret Ann, born 1854 — died 1951. She married John H. Finley who died twelve years after their marriage. Later Margaret Ann Finley married John Wesley Decker and they had four children, Anna married Dr. Charles McNeil, James Wesley married Perla Faulwell, Eunice Luesa married Floyd Rowland and David Earl married Margaret Viola Peoples.

The second child of James L. Dinwiddie, was Theodocia Earnest born 1859 died 1944, married Doctor Cooper Decker and they had nine children, Ada James; Ida Bertha, she married James H. Boyd; George Ernest; Benjamin Cooper, he married Louise Diefendorf — two sons Robert and Donald; Maggie Miriam, married George Earl Cook, four children — Norman, Edward, Leslie, Lottie Mae; Lottie Agnes Decker married Thomas Marvin Bahrenburg, one daughter Docia Elizabeth; Jamie Judson; Zeda Anne, married Monroe Lee Neale.

Mamie Elizabeth Dinwiddie, 1865-1941, married Charles Henry Liapple, three children, Charles M. married Theresa Teeling — one daughter Arlene Liapple; Dora Lee Liapple and Mamie Ethel. After the death of Mamie's husband, she married Louis A. Bringes — one son, George Irvin Bringes, married Pauline Winter, children Pauline and Mary.

Luesa Amanda Dinwiddie 1871-1956, married Christian Neitzert — five children; Gertrude married Norval Lane; Bessie Ann married Rupert Gerrell, three children; Lloyd Christian Neitzert married Lorraine Sterline Ewers, one daughter Mary Evelyn; Elsie Evalyn married Frank McKiney. James L. and Ann Dinwiddie had one son who died in infancy. *Anne (Neale) Zumsteg*

## JAMES ROY DINWIDDIE

James Roy Dinwiddie was born in Morgan County on January 3, 1895, and grew up on a farm north of Bethlehem Church, north of Florence. He was the son of Robert Finnell "Doc" and Louise Allison Dinwiddie. "Doc" Dinwiddie, whose father came from Virginia, worked in the railroad shops in Sedalia, and is buried with his wife, Louisa, at the Bethlehem Cemetery.

James Roy and Alpha (Sanders) Dinwiddie

James Roy graduated from Otterville High School, and received a B.S. degree from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, an M.S. degree from the University of Missouri and a B.S. in Agriculture from the University. He taught school from about 1920 to 1942.

During World War II, he worked in government programs in Colorado, then returned to teaching. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. He married Alpha Augusta Sanders on March 3, 1918, at the farm of her parents, Harvey Abraham and Sally Virginia Steele Sanders. Roy died June 13, 1959, and is buried at Mount Washington Cemetery in Kansas City.

The children of James Roy and Alpha Dinwiddie were James Roy, Jr., and Phyllis Deanne (Mrs. Wallace Berry).

James Roy Dinwiddie Jr. was born at Mercer, Missouri on November 23, 1919, and was a graduate of Tina, Missouri, High School. He received an A.B. degree from Southwest Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He was a Baptist minister, teacher and Missouri Baptist Training Union director. On August 25, 1940, he married Maribel F. Rogers in Kansas

City, Kansas. Maribel had a B.S. degree in music and English and taught at Branson, Missouri.

After Maribel's death in 1962, James Roy married Thelma Everett of Winchester, Kansas. James Roy died of a heart attack on December 31, 1974, in Kansas City, Missouri, and is buried at Highland Park Cemetery, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Children of James Roy and Maribel Dinwiddie are Roger Philip, Leslie Richard and John Mark. Roger was born October 13, 1941, at Fort Worth, Texas. He has been blind since the age of twelve, and attended a high school for the blind in St. Louis. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Missouri, is married, has a son and a daughter now living in Hawaii. Leslie Richard Dinwiddie was born May 14, 1945, in Kansas City, Kansas. John Mark Dinwiddie was born October 22, 1948, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Phyllis Deanne Dinwiddie was born February 17, 1926, at Edwardsville, Kansas. She is a graduate of Branson, Missouri, High School, and manages a laundry in Kansas City. On May 9, 1942, she married Wallace H. Berry, of Yonkers, Oklahoma, in Springfield, Missouri. Wallace is a home builder in the Kansas City area. Their children are Marilyn DeAnne, James LeRoy, Donald Gene and Sheila Elizabeth.

Marilyn Berry was born August 24, 1943, at St. Louis, Missouri. She married Robert Linville, of Ohio, in 1962. Their children are Kimberly Susan, born August 31, 1968, and Jennifer, born November 27, 1970. Marilyn and Robert Linville were divorced in 1977.

James LeRoy Berry was born August 5, 1948, at Branson, Missouri, and married Carol Gilmore of Kansas City. Their children are William Harrison, born August 7, 1967, and James Edward, born November 12, 1968.

Donald Gene Berry was born December 25, 1958 in Kansas City and was married in October 1977 to Becky J. Stanfield. Sheila Elizabeth Berry was born January 21, 1961, in Kansas City. *Submitted by Mrs. Wallace Berry*

## FRED DITZFELD

Fred Ditzfeld came to America from Germany at age eleven. He married Matilda Hoehns and they became the parents of six children, before his death in 1922. With four children still at home, Fred's widow, Matilda, and her children built a new home on the Mahnken farm and later moved to the Gus Bremer farm; both farms were owned by the Ditzfeld family.

Fred and Matilda's daughter Blanche married Wesley Rages in 1913. They were parents of Anna (Mrs. Harold) Eldenburg, who lives at Florence; Ona (Mr. Buford) Harrison, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Loyetta (Mrs. Donald) Barnes, of Moberly; and Donald, who died in 1964.

Bessie Ditzfeld married William Oehrke. Their son, Shelby, married and lives in Sedalia. Their daughter, Erbelyn married Marvin May, who lives near Otterville. Hulda Ditzfeld married Lloyd Monsees; she died when her daughter Carolyn (Mrs. Nolan) Gieschen was about a week old.

Herman Ditzfeld married Ester Koelleker. They became the parents of Margie Lee (Mrs. Roy) Rogers, who lives in Peculiar, Missouri; and Robert, who lives at Fort Collins, Colorado.

Walter Ditzfeld married Margie Bridges. They became the parents of Janice (Mrs. Lee) Lewis, of Independence, Missouri; and Phyllis.

Luella Ditzfeld married Kale Eickholz. They became parents of Ronald, who married Barbara Yeager and lives in Jefferson City; Gary, who married Kathy Hoehns and lives in Sedalia; and Joyce (Mrs. Dwayne) McNeal, also of Sedalia. *Submitted by Anna J. Eldenburg*

## JOHAN HERMAN DOHRMAN

Johan H. Dohrman was born in 1815 at Friedricksdorf Hannover, Germany. Just when he arrived in this part of the state we do not know.

Philippina and Herman Dohrman and dau. Ida

He married Maria A. Brunkhorst who was born 18 July, 1826. He died 19 June 1861 and she died 18 November 1902 at Lake Creek in Pettis County. He was a farmer.

Their son Herman was born 25 November 1854. There was a son John also. Herman was married to Philippina Christina Mertgen. She was born September 11, 1856 near Florence, Mo. They were married by Rev. Bortfeld 19 November 1878 at Florence. Herman died 20 March 1932 and Philippina in 19 March 1948.

They had one daughter Ida Catharina, born 6 January 1886 and died 6 August 1964.

It has been told that Herman froze his ears while taking a load of hogs to market at Smithton.

On 15 December 1915 Ida was married to Charles Thomas Page and they lived in the NW part of Morgan County. After the death of her father they moved to her parents' farm west of Florence.

Charlie farmed, was bank director at Smithton, was on the Black Jack School Board. They were members of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Florence which is now St. John United Church of Christ.

In 1937 after the death of her parents Geneva Fay Rehmer came to live with the Page's. Then in 1940 she was adopted.

Geneva is married to Cleo "Bill" Hampy. They own and live on the Dohrman place, that has been in the family since 1879.

The Hampy's have 4 children Douglas Brent married, to Connie Teter, is a graduate of Mo. University, Michal Ray, a teacher, Jeanette Kay a teacher also and Kerry Dean a student at University of Mo.

After the death of Charlie, Ida married Louis Rehmer of Morgan County. *by Mrs. Cleo Hampy*

## ROBERT EMMETT DORNAN, JR.

Robert Emmett Dornan, Jr. was of Irish descent. His great grandfather, John Dornan, was a physician in County Antrim, Ireland, whose son, James, came to the United States in 1838. James married Nancy Ball Ellis of Morgan County. They had three children: Robert Emmett Dornan (Sheriff of Morgan County), Dolly, who died in early womanhood, and Alice, the wife of Thomas B. Newkirk.

Dicy and Robert Dornan

Robert Emmett Dornan, Sr. married Julia Duff McCoy. Their children were: James Morton, Thomas Arthur, Robert Emmett, Jr., Camille and Lloyd Mitchell.

Robert Emmett, Jr. (b. July 8, 1886, d. April, 1954). He lived his entire life in Morgan County. In his early life, he operated a farm. During the harvest season, he was a familiar figure with the threshing crew as equipment operator. For many years he and his brother, Lloyd, operated a Garage and Service Station at Fortuna. He married Dicy Kathryn Hays (b. September 4, 1889, d. August 20, 1957). She was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Hays and Rose Newkirk. Children: Ralph Morrell, June 2, 1909; David Hays, November 2, 1914, James Mitchell, January 10, 1920.

Ralph was graduated from Versailles High School and started working for the Bank of Fortune under the direction of J.P. McDaniel. Later he worked as Assistant Cashier at the First National Bank, Versailles, until it was forced to close its doors October 31, 1931. During the war, he moved to Kansas City where he was head of the Payroll Department at Remington Arms Lake City Ordnance Plant. After the plant closed, he was at General Motors as Paymaster until 1948, when he moved to Coalinga, California. There he was Administrator of the Coalinga District Hospital until his retirement in 1973. He married Frances Mae Clifton September 18, 1937. They have two children: Donald Clifton, September 11, 1939, and Kathryn Ellen, June 1, 1956. Donald Dornan, D.D.S.M.S., is a dentist in Tustin, California. He is married to Nancy Hood and lives in Mission Viejo, California. They have three children: Bryan Ralph and Twins, Sean Patrick and Kimberly Elizabeth. Kathryn married Robert Hess December 17, 1966, an Attorney in Los Angeles. Their children are Robert Dornan and Michale Scott. They live in LaCanda, California.

Hays attended a business school in Springfield, after which he worked for the Versailles Motor Company as bookkeeper. Later he moved to Fort Bragg, California to work in his Uncle Tom Dornan's Hardware store. It was not long, however, until he moved to Coalinga, California, to again work for a Ford Agency. In a few years, he owned a lumber yard and hardware store in Huron, California. He retired in 1975, moving to Santa Cruz, California. Hays married Eleanor Rose Rader August 23, 1937. They have a son David Mitchell, born July 5, 1940. David is employed as District Sales Manager for Memorex Company and lives in Freemont, California. He is married to Jane Lanuti and they have two children, Michale Joseph and Keri Kathryn.

Mitchell, partner in Hunter-Dornan Chevrolet Co., has lived in Versailles all his life except for a few years when he lived in Coalinga, California. He attended Missouri University, Columbia. Mitchell married Kathleen McDonough November 26, 1942 and they have two children; James (Jim) Mitchell II, October 17, 1943 and Eleanor Elizabeth, July 2, 1947. James is also a co-owner in the Hunter-Dornan Chevrolet Co. and is a Versailles City Councilman. He is married to Emma Hibdon, and they have three children: James Mitchell III, Robert Anthony, and Daniel Patrick. Eleanor (Sparkle) married Raymond Morrison December 28, 1968. Raymond is head of the Meat Department at Gerbes Grocery Store, Versailles. Their children are Brian Richard and Gregory Raymond.

## JOHN HENRY DRAFFEN

John Henry Draffen, son of William R. and Atlanta McColloch Draffen, was born in 1850 in Cooper County, Mo. where his parents had moved from Virginia about 1830.

John Henry Draffen Family

John was one of ten children. He was 12 years old when his father and older brothers went to fight in the Civil War and he was left in charge of the home and the rest of the family. He married Anna M. Siegel, born 1865 to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Siegel of Florence, on Feb. 28, 1884 in Cooper County. They lived there until 1889, when they moved to a farm 3½ miles north of Versailles.

To this union were born five children: John F. in 1885 and Nettie L. in 1887, both born in Cooper County; Elizabeth M. in 1891, Charles W. in 1898, and Thomas Earl in 1902, born in Morgan County. John farmed until his death in Feb. 1924. Anna, better known as "Aunt Annie" to most people, lived in the family home, along with two of her sons and their families until her death in 1953.

John F. married Eva Belle Sims, daughter of Will Sims, a local family. They had one son, John F. ("Jack") born in 1915. He and his mother, Eva, moved to Texas after John senior's death in March 1927. Jack received his education in Texas, taught at the University of Texas, later joining Monsanto Chemical Company as a chemist and retired in 1978. He and his mother reside in Texas City, Texas.

Nettie married Chas. P. Letchworth in 1911, who was a widower with two small sons, Dorsey and Lloyd. They also had a daughter who was stillborn. Charles Letchworth died in 1941 and Nettie lived in Versailles until her death in 1972.

Elizabeth ("Lizzie") never married. She taught school in Morgan County and died in 1918 during the flu epidemic.

Charles W. ("Charlie") married Fannie T. Sims, daughter of Elbert and Cora Sims of Glensted in 1924. They lived on the

Draffen homeplace where Charlie farmed and later did carpentry work. Charlie died in 1977. Fannie resides in Versailles. They had one son, Charles Franklin, born in 1927. He married Nell Nora Shepp in 1951 and they live on a farm adjoining the Draffen homeplace, where he farms and is also engaged in carpentry work. They have two sons, Kenneth, born 1955 and John born 1960. Kenny married Beth Ann Knipp of Tipton in 1974 and they reside in Versailles where he farms and carpenters with his father. John is a student at Missouri University.

Thomas E. (Earl) married Gladys M. Brown, daughter of Charlie and Amanda Richardson Brown of Glensted in 1932. They moved to the Draffen farm where Earl and Charlie farmed and carpentered together until they retired. Earl and Gladys live in Versailles. They had one daughter, Kathryn born in 1936. She married Terry Humphrey in 1956 and had two sons, Brent David born in 1957 and Gary Don born in 1960, both of whom reside in Versailles. Terry Humphrey died in 1964 in an automobile accident. Kathy later married Kenneth Coffman in 1969 and they live in Versailles. *Submitted by Kathryn L. Coffman*

## ELEMELECH S. DRAKE

According to family tradition, Jesse Drake was born 1748-50, son of John Drake and Apphia Ward of Plymouth, England. Jesse came to America in the latter 1700s. Jesse Drake married Jemima Rose, of German descent, thought to be the daughter of Gotlieb Rooss (Rose), a native of a village near the city of Bingen on the Rhine in one of the Palatinates of Germany. They were the parents of six children: Elizabeth, born about 1771 married Jesse Hughes 10 Jan. 1790; Catherine, born 13 Nov. 1775, married Tunis Newkirk; Charles, born 27 May 1780 at the Old Redstone Fort on the Monongahela River in southwest Pennsylvania, married Mary Swearingen 25 Dec. 1806; Sarah, born about 1782 in Pennsylvania or Kentucky, married George Seaton; Nancy, born 1791-2, married Hugh Stewart 23 Feb. 1811; David Rose, born Aug. 27 1786, married Mrs. Catherine (Burckhart) Hough 4 April 1815. Jesse Drake and his son, David Rose Drake came to Howard Co. Mo. from Bullitt Co. Ky. about 1818. According to Jesse Drake's will in 1822, his son, Charles Drake, was still in Kentucky; however, Charles eventually joined his father and brother in Howard Co., Mo.

Elemelech S. Drake

Charles Drake and Mary Swearingen's children born in Bullitt Co., Ky. were: David Rose, born Oct. 20, 1807, married Margaret Brasher in Bullitt Co., Ky., March 3, 1831; Elemelech S., born 10 May 1809, married Maria C. Osburn, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Osburn, 14 March 1833; Jesse, born April 29, 1812, married first, Eliza H. Stewart Aug. 25, 1836, married secondly Nancy Stewart April 28, 1842 and thirdly, Mary G. Wisely Aug. 14, 1866; Laurana S., born April 24, 1814, married 9 May 1828 Dr. Joshua Hobbs in Bullitt County Kentucky; Sally, born Dec. 18, 1818; George Washington, born 8 Oct. 1823, married first Nancy J. Jordan 5 Dec. 1844, secondly Susan S. Crews 15 July 1855 and thirdly, Martha C. Pearson 5 Feb. 1867, all in Howard County Missouri.

The subject of this article, Elemelech S. Drake, and his wife, Maria C. Osburn, eventually joined the rest of the Drakes in Howard County, where their first two children, and perhaps the third child, were born: Byron Samuel, born 15 Jan. 1834; Joshua Noel, born 9 Aug. 1835; Milton Byron, born 11 Nov. 1837, married Mary E. Foster; Elemelech Clay, born 17 Aug. 1839, married Sue Morgan; Charles Harrison, born 5 Sept. 1843 in Crawford House on Jefferson Street in Warsaw, Mo., married Charlotte Tompkins 18 Nov. 1869; Mary Margaret, born 7 May 1847, Warsaw, Mo. married Robert S. Bibb; George Hobbs, born 23 Jan. 1851, Warsaw, Mo., married Mary E. Clark; David Rose, born 19 July 1856, Warsaw, Mo. Elemelech S. Drake and Anderson White bought lots in Mining Port, Morgan Co. Mo. in 1838 and operated a store there for awhile. Mining Port, Morgan Co., Mo. was a town north of Jacob's Cave near where Gravois Mills, Mo. now stands. When Elemelech S. Drake bought land in Benton Co., Mo. the deed stated that he was from Morgan Co., Mo. After the death of his first wife, Elemelech S. Drake married Charlotte Temple (Young) Hikes, daughter of Martha Stafford and William Young, 5 April 1859. Elemelech S. Drake died at the Drake homestead north of Warsaw 4 September 1873 and is buried in the old Warsaw Cemetery on Highway 7. Descendants are scattered all over the United States. Two great grandsons of Elemelech S. Drake are Charles G. Drake, Warrensburg, Mo. and Gordon Howard Drake, Warsaw, Mo. *by Charles G. Drake*

## CHRISTIAN S. DREIER

Christian S. Dreier, born Jan. 6, 1879 at Trondheim, Norway, came to the United States in 1907. He married Johanna A. Ziminski, born in Danzig, Germany June 12, 1891, in 1911 at Glenwood, Minn.

Christian S. Dreier Johanna (Ziminski) Dreier

Christian and Johanna came to Versailles in 1914 where he worked as a baker for Henry Moser, who owned the Moser Mill in Versailles. Christian later bought the bakery, located at the northeast corner of the courthouse square, North Fisher and East Newton streets.

In the early 1920's Christian built a new two-story bakery building called "a great improvement to Versailles", on West Newton street, one half block west of the square, where Gollihar Shoe Store now stands.

Here he turned out his well-known Sunrise bread, made with milk and eggs, sugar, yeast, shortening and flour. It was sold to the customers unsliced since electric slicers had not come into being.

"Chris" was also known for the flaky pie crust he mixed in a very large mixing bowl. He made it first with lard and later with vegetable shortening. He also filled his glass showcases with a variety of cookies, sweet rolls, doughnuts and cakes.

Customers walking into the bakery on a cold winter day would remark about the sweet spicy smell of the baked goods. Local stores carried all the Dreier products.

"Chris" did all right until the chain bakeries started coming into Versailles with their vans filled with bread that could be sold cheaper than the bread Chris Dreier made with more nourishing ingredients.

All the city Policemen, especially the nightwatchmen, could go to the bakery on their beats and get a free ham sandwich or piece of pie and cup of hot coffee, free of charge.

"Chris" saw that he could not compete with the bakery chains so he sold the Versailles City Bakery in October, 1936 to the Petty family and moved to Pueblo, Colorado.

Johanna died in Pueblo in February, 1957 and Christian died in July, 1962.

Their children are John, born Jan. 5, 1913 at Lead, S. Dak. and Karl, born in Versailles June 24, 1915. Both live in Pueblo.

John married Lela Keeth and they have a son, Michael, who with his wife, Patricia, have two daughters, Stacy and Leslie. They live in Pueblo.

Karl and his wife, Mary Johnstone Dreier, have two daughters, Patricia and Lynn. Patricia (Cook) and a son and daughter live in San Diego, Calif. Lynn (Antle) lives in Pueblo with their son and daughter, Christopher and Jenifer. Pat Cook's children are Becky and David. *by John Dreier*

## DANIEL F. DRIVER

Daniel F. Driver was born in 1836 and married Sarah Branner, who was born in 1839. The Drivers moved to Morgan County from Rockingham County, Va., in March, 1870. They settled on a farm near Enid, now the farm owned by George Porter, at the junction of routes E and EE, about five miles east of Versailles.

Children of Daniel and Sarah (Branner) Driver. *1st row:* Joseph, Ida, Emma, Lewis and Benjamin. *Back:* John, Jacob, Maggie, Fannie, Cornelius and David.

Daniel Driver was ordained to the ministry in 1876, to serve the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church. He also filled monthly preaching appointments at Carver schoolhouse, in the Wilson Bend area of the Osage River, making the 30-mile trip with a team and buggy or by horseback in the early 1900's.

A quote from *South Central Frontiers,* p. 129, describes the role of traveling preacher in Morgan County: "Early Saturday morning, the preacher was on his way in a buggy. At Gravois Mills, he halted for rest and for food and water for himself and his horse. By evening, he drove into the gate of some participating family for a supper of cornbread, meat, and gravy. There would be two or three services (on Sunday), and Monday he would drive home again. He expected no remuneration, either for his services or to furnish the horse and buggy for a strenuous trip on a rocky road. In seven years, D. F. Driver wore out two buggies."

Daniel F. and Sarah Driver reared a family of 11 children, all of whom grew to maturity. Sarah Driver died in 1906; Daniel died in 1920.

B. Frankling Driver was born Dec. 24, 1859, in Virginia. He married Barbara Loganbill of the Bethel community in Morgan County. They lived on a farm near the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church. He also was a carpenter. They reared a family of seven children, who grew up and attended school in Morgan County. The children since have moved elsewhere and are scattered in other states.

Lewis M. Driver was born Mar. 17, 1861, in Virginia. He married Ida Rhodes of Virginia and they made their home there. Two sons were born to the marriage, Rhodes and Wayne. Wayne's daughter, Mary Driver, married Norman Wenger in 1948, and they live on a farm in Morgan County in the Mt. Zion community at present.

Emma A. Driver was born June 29, 1863, and married David Shank of Virginia. She taught school several years before her marriage. They made their home in the Enid community and bore one daughter, Icie, who married Coffman Shank of Virginia.

Ida C. Driver was born June 9, 1865. She married W.M. Lingle, and the couple homesteaded in North Dakota. They later returned to Morgan County and spent most of their life on farms near Versailles.

Joe C. Driver was born Feb. 13, 1867. He married Anna Kauffman of the Mt. Zion community and served the Mennonite church as minister and bishop. He also served the church at Garden City, Mo. He retired at LaJunta, Colo., where he and his wife died. They were the parents of six children.

John R. Driver was born September 9, 1871, in Morgan County. He married Alice Weaver, of Jasper County, Mo. He was a farmer and stockman in the Enid community. Two daughters reside in Morgan County: Mary Alice (Mrs. Leroy Gingerich) and Viola (Mrs. Carl Hilty).

Jake Driver was born June 17, 1873, in Morgan County. He married Nettie Howard, of Richmond, Mo., and the couple lived in Ray County, Mo. They had one son, Joseph. Jake Driver died in 1907.

Lydia Maggie Driver was born Mar. 13, 1875. She never married.

Fannie May Driver was born May 4, 1877. She married John S. Dettwiler. They lived their entire lives on a farm in the Mt. Zion-Bethel community. They took two boys into their home to raise: Gerald and Harry Dettwiler.

Cornelius B. Driver was born June 1, 1879. He married Lydia Harder of Latham, Mo. Cornelius was a preacher and farmer. He was ordained in 1916 and served the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church until his death in 1955.

D. Arthur Driver was born Sept. 18, 1881. He married Bertha Bender of Indiana. He was a school teacher and later a farmer in Indiana.

Of this large pioneer family, in 1978 there are five direct descendants of Daniel Driver living in Morgan County: Mrs. Leroy Gingerich, Mrs. Carl Hilty, Mrs. Norman Wenger, Mrs. Homer Garber and Mrs. Abe Nikkel. *Submitted by Mrs. Leroy Gingerich*

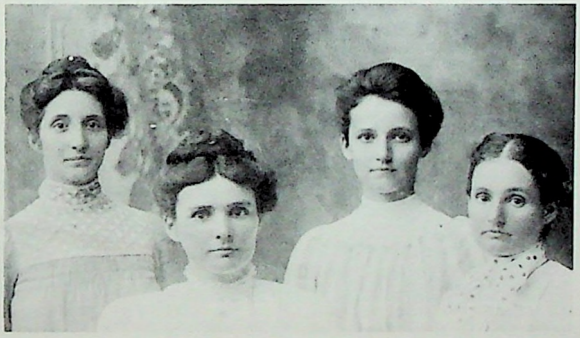
## JOHN C. DRIVER

John C. Driver came to Morgan county in 1870. He settled on a farm six miles Northeast of Versailles, and lived on that farm until his death in 1912. He and his wife, Catherine Branner, were born in Rockingham County, Virginia; he in 1843, she in 1846. They were "Pennsylvania Dutch", their families having moved to Virginia prior to the Revolution.

They were married in 1865 and had a family of nine: William, born 1867, Michael, 1868; Charles, 1870; Mary Elizabeth, 1872; George, 1874; John R., 1877; Sally Bell, 1880; An-

Mike, Will, John, Bess and Annie Driver — 1936

nie, 1882; and Grace, 1888. They were prominent members of Zion Mennonite church and of their community. "Aunt Kate" was frequently called to help others in sickness and times of trouble. "Uncle John" was often called on for advice. His skill as a butcher made him butcher in hog killings throughout the community.



Annie, Grace, Bess and Lizzie Driver, about 1903

Of the children, William became a clergyman on the West Coast. He had no children and died in Portland, Oregon in 1939. Charles moved to Clyde, North Dakota where he farmed and raised a family, dying in 1915. George never married and lived in Versailles until his death in 1918. Grace died in 1910.

Michael married Melissa Newkirk of Otterville in 1893. They moved to Berkeley, California, about 1905 where he and his brother John were in the moving and storage business. Mike served as sheriff of Alameda county, California in the 1930s. He had two children, Dixie Lee, born in 1893 and Quigley born in 1896.

Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) married Gasper D. Thomasson of Rockingham County, Virginia in 1895. They farmed in Morgan County until they moved to California in 1925. Their two children, Grace Irene, who married Thruston Hawks, and John C., went to California with their parents.

John R. married Florence Flook of Garden City in 1904. They had three children: Florence, John C. and Harold. John R. moved to California with his brother Mike. He kept a keen interest in, and close contact with, Morgan county. He was a major force in the annual Morgan County picnics in the San Francisco Bay area in the 1920s and 1930s which attracted hundreds of former Morgan countians. He and his wife were killed in an accident in 1946.

Sally Bell (Bess) married Frank R. Hunter of Versailles in 1903. They farmed in Morgan county until they retired to town. Frank died in Versailles in 1941, Bess in 1951. Their daughter Ruby, born in 1905, married Jack Kavanaugh in 1928. They had one son, Zo Frank, 1930-74. Jack died in 1944. Ruby lives in Versailles, having retired from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company after 34 years service.

Annie married Joseph Aeschbacher of Versailles in 1912. After a career in the ministry, mostly in Nebraska, they returned to Versailles to retire in 1961. Annie died in 1968, Joseph in 1972. They had two sons; John E., 1915-61, and William born in 1919.

## JOHN R. DRIVER

John R. Driver (Sept. 9, 1871-June 21, 1926) was the 6th child born to Daniel F. Driver and Sarah Branner Driver. He was born 5½ miles northeast of Versailles. He grew to manhood in the Sunny Side School district. He was a farmer and stock man and was interested in the work of the church and community. He was a sociable and hospitable person with many friends. On Feb. 7, 1900 he was married to Alice R. Weaver at Carthage, Mo. (Jasper County). They made their home in Morgan County, one mile north of Excelsior. Alice Weaver Driver was a niece of Mrs. Josiah Lehman of this community. Later they bought a farm four miles east of Versailles where all six daughters were born. Ada Susan, Dec. 14, 1901-June 1914; Pearl Marie, Nov. 15, 1903-Dec. 1923; Mary Alice, Oct. 21, 1907; Ruth Elizabeth Jan. 30, 1910-June 1922; Fanny Margret Aug. 30, 1912-Jan. 1914; Gladys Viola, Sept. 4, 1916. Ada died with appendicitis. Pearl was an invalid in a wheelchair after the family had small pox in 1917. She passed away when the family had the measles in 1923. Fanny died when she was a year and a half. Ruth fell from a horse that stepped on her arm. She was taken to Boonville Hospital after four local doctors were contacted. (Drs. A.J. Gunn, Greg Gunn, Lutman, and Blacksten). Neighbor Loan Kauffman, took the parents and Ruth to Boonville in his large touring car.

In 1921 the family moved to a farm near Mt. Zion Church and Prairie Valley School (known now as the Leroy Gingerich farm) where Mary Alice and Viola grew to maturity.

Mary Alice taught in the rural schools. On May 18, 1932 she was married to Leroy Gingerich who at that time was also teaching in the rural schools. His life occupation was farmer-minister at the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church. They have spent all their married life in Morgan County but seven years when they pastored a church in Nebraska. Their two children are: James Lowell, July 30, 1943 and Naomi Ruth, Sept. 18, 1945. On October 11, 1963 James was married to Sharon Crain in Azusa, California. Their children are Robert and Debbie. At present James is working on the police force of Morgan County. Naomi Gingerich is a RN working in a hospital in Pennsylvania.

Viola was married to Carl Hilty December 24, 1934. They have lived all their married life but 11 years in Morgan County. They were engaged in dairy farming. Their children are Twila Mae, March 9, 1936; Kathryn Marie, October 16, 1938; Doris Ellen February 1, 1945; Chester Dean, June 24, 1954.

July 20, 1954 Twila Mae was married to Homer Garber (June 17, 1928). Their children are: Stanley Allen, April 1, 1956; Jerry Ray April 19, 1956; Stephen James, June 17, 1964; Carla Kay, November 2, 1967; Barry Wayne, February 5, 1972.

October 1, 1960 Kathryn Marie was married to Abe Nikkel (June 7, 1937). Their children are: Julie Celeste, October 12,

1961; Alice Rebecca, December 1, 1963; James Peter, October 16, 1968.

October 19, 1962 Doris Ellen was married to Micky A. Bennett (October 24, 1943). Their children are: Mickey Adair, May 5, 1963; Charles Earl, May 25, 1965.

June 11, 1975 Chester Dean was married to Mary Petterson. Their son, Benjamin Dwight, was born December 16, 1977.

## THOMAS DROMGOLD

Thomas Dromgold (originally spelled as Dromgoole) came to this country from Cork, Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania. His son, Thomas, had six children. Of these, Reuben, a wagon maker, and John William, born 1845, left Pennsylvania and came to Morgan County about 1865. Later, Reuben went to California and John William remained and operated a lumber yard in Versailles, Mo.

John Quincy and Katharine (Jones) Dromgold — 1935

John married Ella (last name unknown) and they lived on a farm one mile west of Versailles. Their daughter, Lottie, died when 28 days old. Ella died at the age of 21 years.

John then married Salome Arnold, born in 1854. They had one child, William Arthur, born in 1882. Salome died in 1884. John then married Ida Arnold, born 1864, sister of Salome. They had two children, George, who died at age six months, and Frank, who grew up in Versailles and built the first tennis court in Morgan County.

John and Ida lived on the farm until he retired from the lumber business. The family then went to California for a prolonged visit with Reuben. They returned to Versailles in 1915. The following year John died and Ida and Frank returned to California to live.

William Arthur, son of John and Salome, attended school in Versailles and worked in his father's lumber yard. On Dec. 18, 1902 he married Bertha Leona Marriott, born 1884 to Christopher Columbus Marriott and Nancy Hughes Marriott. The Marriott's supervised the old Morgan County Home for many years. Bertha's twin, Lena Elizabeth, and her older sister, Docia, shared Bertha's love for and support of the Versailles Baptist Church.

Bertha and Arthur moved from the farm into Versailles, where their one child, John Quincy, was born July 18, 1907. The family moved to Eldon in 1911 to operate a new lumber yard, but sold it in 1913 and moved back to Versailles, where Arthur resumed operation of the old lumber yard. Arthur sold this business and retired in 1929. Bertha died in 1935 and Arthur died in 1956.

John Quincy attended the Versailles schools, studied piano under Neva Taylor, organized a jazz group and played for dances throughout Morgan County. He graduated from the University of Missouri and worked for a music company in Columbia, Mo. In May, 1931 he married Katharine Sue Jones, who was born in Versailles across the street from him.

John and Katharine returned to Versailles in 1936 and John worked in his father's gasoline service station. When the station sold the couple left the area and on April 13, 1939, in Kansas City, Mo. their only child, Margaret Leona, was born. John was transferred by his company to Oklahoma City, Okla. in Sept., 1942. He served in the U.S. Army in 1944-45.

Now retired, he and Katharine remain in Oklahoma City.

Margaret Leona (Pegi) attended Oklahoma City schools and received her master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1962. She is a teacher of English in Bogota, Colombia, South America. She married Luis Edvardo Torres in 1968 and has two daughters, Alejandra, 7, and Andrea, 5. She has a warm affection for Morgan County, home of her paternal and maternal ancestors. *Written by Katharine Jones Dromgold*

## DAVID CAMPBELL DUFF

David Campbell Duff was born in Damascus, Virginia in 1837.

He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and after being honorably discharged came to Versailles to engage in the trade of cabinet making, carpentry and later a contractor.

In 1884 he married Karolina (Lena) Gattermeir, who was the daughter of Mathias and Anna Weingler Gattermeir, who had migrated to this country from Austria in 1850 to settle on a homestead west of Versailles near what is now the City of Stover, Missouri.

To this union was born six children:

1. Carl M. Duff received a degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder and subsequently became a professor on the faculty of the University of Nebraska, where he taught engineering courses on both the undergraduate and graduate school level. He married Ruth Shank, a native Morgan Countian and they had one child, Betty Ann, who married Robert Hawthorne, to which union were born two children, Douglas and Roberta.

2. Arthur A. Duff also earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado and was engaged in the construction field in Springfield, Ohio. He married Frances Huffman and to their union was born one child, David Arthur Duff, who married and is the father of three sons, John, William and Samuel.

3. Anna Duff Marriott entered the field of teaching after graduation from the University of Colorado and taught in the local high school for forty years and still resides in the home that her father built for her mother as a wedding present. She married Maxie Dane Marriott but no children were born of the union.

4. Neva Duff Johnson married Leroy G. Johnson from Kirksville, Missouri, during World War I, and to that union was born five children. The oldest daughter, Anna Kathryn, was born in the family home in 1918 and is married to John P. Selmier and they have two sons, John Christian and Richard. Mary Frances Johnson has a degree in architecture and has worked in that profession since her graduation. William G. and Richard S. Johnson are identical twins; Richard married Anne Matters and have two children, Debra and Richard; William married Ruth Kauffman, daughter of David Loan, who is a medical doctor and practicing medicine in the Gunn Clinic, while William is an attorney at law and is the Prosecuting Attorney of Morgan County, Missouri. To their union were born five children; Catherine Sue, a medical doctor; Melissa Ann was killed in an auto accident at the age of six-

teen; Mary Frances, now a senior at the University of Missouri; Robert, a freshman at the University of Missouri, and Carolyn Beth, a sophomore in Morgan County R-II High School in Versailles. Robert Duff Johnson has an aeronautical engineering degree from the University of Colorado and is an engineer with the General Electric Corporation. He married Doris Hall and they have two sons, Steven Duff and Scott Duff, and live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

5. The youngest child of David and Karolina was Samuel, whose twin Joe, died in infancy. He married Hilda Swithenbank, followed a teaching career after graduation from college at Modesto and Oakland, California, where he was associated with English Departments of several schools. *by Ann Marriott*

## CLAUDE WALKER DUNNAWAY

Claude Walker Dunnaway, the fifth child of Jessee Lee Dunnaway, and Cora Ellen-Roe-Dunnaway — Claude's grandparents were: William Jasper Dunnaway and Ruth Ellen Causey-Dunnaway and Joseph Franklin Roe and Eliza Ellen Doyle Dunnaway. Claude is the fifth child of fifteen children, born to Jessee Lee Dunnaway and Cora Ellen Roe Dunnaway. His sisters and brothers are: Hestor Lois (Barker), Grace Mildred (Messerli), Evert Lee, Eliza Ruth (Shuldberg), Claude Walker, Neva Marie, (Dziadus) Sophia, Ellen (Shuldberg), Joseph William, Helen, A.L. Cedric, Earl, all born on a farm below Gravois, Mills, Mo. in Morgan County, Hery Ford, Nora Maude (Shirley), and Jay L. were born near Versailles, Mo., in Morgan County.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dunnaway Family

Claude Walker Dunnaway, fifth child of Jessee Lee Dunnaway, and Cora Ellen Roe Dunnaway, was born May 2, 1911, near Gravois Mills, Mo. in Morgan County. He has lived all of his life except three years in Pennseylivania, Kansas. He married Erma Asalee Ayres at Versailles, Mo. on Dec. 24, 1933. Erma was the daughter of Thomas Napolen Ayres, and Edna Augusta Carroll. To this union was born James Hugh Dunnaway, born March 21, 1937. He is married to the former Dora Ann Daniels. They have three children, Kris, Lisa and Brian; they live in Independence, Mo. Erma was active in the Eastern Star, of which she was a past Worthy Matron, when she passed away on October 11, 1969 — she had Eastern star services. She is buried in Versailles.

On September 5, 1970 he married Betty Jeane Hart daughter of Leonard E. Hart and Mary Elizabeth Patterson Hart, in Versailles. Claude and Betty have a daughter Mary Ellen, born Oct. 14, 1971. They live in Versailles, Mo.

Claude is a building contractor. He has spent eighteen years as District Deputy Grand Lecturer and five years as District Deputy Grand Master of the 58th District of the AF&AM of the State of Missouri. On the Grand Lodge Building Committee, Worshipful Master of the Versailles Lodge 320 AF&AM. Past Worthy Patron five times of Versailles Eastern Star 410. Eight years on the City Council, of Versailles, Mo. Past President of the Versailles, Kiwanis Club, active member of the Democratic Party — served on the Democratic Committee 6 years of which 4 years was chairman. Board of the Christian church three years. An official on the church board of the Presbyterian Church 7 years. One year as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mo. to the State of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walker Dunnaway and Mary Ellen

Claude is a member of the Ezra Council Prince of Peace Commandry, Royal and Select Masters at Jefferson City, Mo. He is a member and past High Priest of the Versailles Chapter No. 72 Royal Arch Masons, a member of Abou Ben Adhem, Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Springfield, Mo. and the White Shrine of Jerusalem, at Sedalia, Mo. *Mrs. Claude W. Dunnaway*

## LIGE DUNNAWAY

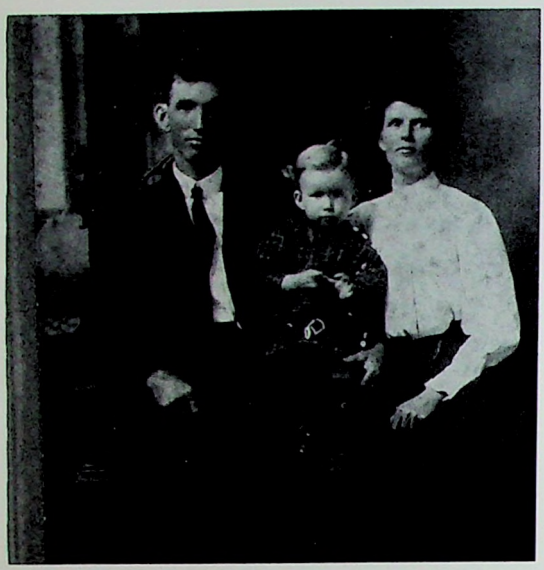
William Jasper Dunnaway, father of Lige Dunnaway, was born Dec. 22, 1840, at Mt. Vernon, Ill. He enlisted in the army during the Civil War. On Oct. 6, 1868, he married Ruth Causey, who was born Oct. 30, 1851, near Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Jasper and Ruth Dunnaway moved to Missouri soon afterward, where they raised a family of three sons and one daughter. The first son, Lige, was born May 22, 1870, in Camden County. James William was born March 19, 1872; Jesse Lee was born May 4, 1879; and Nora Elizabeth was born May 5, 1882. William Jasper Dunnaway died at the age of 80 years, and is buried at Silvey Cemetery, near Gravois Mills.

Lige Dunnaway grew up to become a farmer and stockman, and also did carpentry work. He married Lelia Purvis Jan. 27, 1907, in the Camden County home of the bride's parents, Andrew Jackson Purvis and Hannah Elizabeth Gardner Purvis.

Lige and Lelia Dunnaway bought the Jack Purvis home, and farmed there until 1917, when doctors advised Lige to leave the Osage River because he had malaria. The family, including children Ross, Ralph and Wilma, moved to Versailles. The Dunnaways lived in Versailles for two years, then bought an 80-acre farm four miles east of town.

Ross Dunnaway was born Oct. 24, 1907. He was married to Virginia Brim at St. Joseph on Dec. 23, 1936. They had three children: Gary, Marjorie and Marilyn — all born at St. Joseph. Gary, born Oct. 25, 1940, married Judith Ann Wood, Dec. 16, 1960. They live at Laurie, where Gary operates a bulldozer. They have three children: Shelly, Patricia and Brent. Marjorie, second child of Ross and Virginia Dunnaway, was born July 4, 1942. She married Lee Holst, was born at Proctor, Mo. Lee works for the Kansas City, Kan., fire department. They have three children: Kala, Lara and Adonna.



Lige and Lelia Dunnaway and son Ross

Marilyn, third child of Ross and Virginia, was born April 16, 1944. She married Larry Uptegrove of Gravois Mills, Dec. 18, 1961. They live at Leeton, Mo., where Larry owns a lumber business. They have five children: Shawn, Micah, Brian, Barry, Dayna.

Ross and Virginia Dunnaway operated a restaurant at Laurie for 11 years, until Ross died April 15, 1968. Virginia sold the restaurant, and now lives on a farm near Laurie.

Ralph, second child of Lige and Lelia Dunnaway, was born Jan. 29, 1909, and died June 21, 1909.

Wilma, third child of Lige and Lelia, was born April 8, 1911. She married Bob Riggs, of Versailles, on Dec. 21, 1935. Bob was born at Macks Creek on May 13, 1911. He farmed for several years, then learned the carpentry trade from Lige Dunnaway, and did carpentry and masonry work. Bob died Aug. 1, 1970. Wilma still lives at Laurie.

When the Ozark Chapel Methodist Church of Laurie was built in 1944, Lige Dunnaway supervised the construction. He died on Aug. 9, 1958, at the age of 88 years, and was buried at the Ozark Chapel cemetery. *By Wilma Riggs*

## CHRISTIAN DUVEL

Christian Duvel was born in Hanover, Germany June 19, 1842 and came to the United States at the age of 29 years. He was the only one of his family who came to this country.

He plied the trade of wagonmaker, which he had learned in Germany. He also did carpenter work and had his shop at Florence, Mo.

He married Catharine Hansen, who was born July 4, 1866 in Hoegel Bredstedt, Germany. She came to the United States with her parents, one brother and two sisters at the age of fourteen.

Christian and Catharine lived on a farm near Florence and had eight children, Minnie, Freda, Nettie, Sophia, Henry, Lena and Alma.

Minnie married Louis Siegel and they spent their life on a farm near Florence. They had one son, Leonard. Minnie died Nov. 24, 1952 and Louis died Jan. 30, 1956.

Freda Duvel married William Mertgen and they lived on the Mertgen farm home place. William was a farmer and raised jennies and cattle. Their children were Harry, Louis, Hilda, Glen, Emma and Norman. Freda died Nov. 22, 1947 and her husband died Jan. 21, 1957.

Nettie was born March 4, 1876 and on Nov. 3, 1903 she married Henry Rodenbach. They lived on a farm on Flat Creek north of Florence. He farmed and raised cattle and hogs. Their children were Wilbert, Pauline and Leta. Henry died June 15, 1951 and Nettie died Dec. 16, 1967.

Sophia Duvel married Cord Lemke on June 3, 1909. They lived in Florence where he operated a grocery store and later a garage. Sophia kept a few boarders and, if a salesman wished to stay overnight or have a meal, she served him. Cord had been a widower with three girls, Anna, Josie and Lorena. Sophia died Jan. 8, 1925 and Cord Nov. 1928.

Henry Duvel was born July 12, 1880. He married Zella Thompson at Erdahl, Minn. He went to Minnesota when quite young and worked in a creamery. Henry and Zella lived in Hoffmann, Minn. and other places. After he retired they moved to Missouri. Their children were Herbert, Raymond, Margaret and Helen.

Lena Duvel married Henry Dohrman and they lived in Stover, Mo. all their lives. Henry worked in a general merchandise store for Henry Kipp, who still owns the store.

Lena and Henry were the parents of three children, Bernice, Hilma and Elmo. Henry died April 15, 1945.

Ernest Duvel was born Nov. 9, 1887. He married Clara Schupp and they lived on the Duvel home place near Florence. Ernest was a farmer and also served as justice of the peace for several years. Their children were Deliah and Paul. Ernest died Feb. 11, 1958.

Alma Duvel was born June 3, 1892. She married Otto Brunkhorst and they lived on a farm near Syracuse on Richland Creek.

Alma and Otto had one son who died the day he was born. They later adopted a son, George Brunkhorst. Alma died in Oct., 1965. Otto died May 15, 1978.

Christian and Catharine Duvel and their eight children and their spouses are buried in the United Church of Christ Cemetery at Florence, Mo. *by Pauline Houchen*

## CLARICA MANES PEEK EARHART

Clarica (Kaye) Manes was born March 6, 1913 near Waynesville, Mo., the third of five children born to Daniel Boone and Myrtle Henson Manes.

Pulaski and Phelps counties were home until the family moved in 1929 to Lowry City, Mo., where Kay completed high school in 1931. That fall the family moved to Grandview, Mo., where Kaye married Cleve R. Hook. They had one daughter, now Mrs. Donald Lee Rice, of Jefferson City, Mo. This marriage ended in divorce.

Kaye worked as a private nurse and housekeeper in Kansas City for many years. In 1940 she married George William Peek, a native of Jasper County, Mo., son of Marion E. and Elizabeth Alexander Peek.

George served five years in the U.S. Army. Three of these years the family lived at Omaha, Nebr. Lola, Georgia and Dan were the children at that time. Dan was born there in 1945. After his discharge from the Army, the family moved to Missouri. Carol, Jim Bob and Kathy were born in 1947, 1950 and 1952 respectively.

On July 1 the family moved to Versailles, Mo. and lived in a small house on the Don K. Hunter farm on Highway 52 west of town. George died fourteen months later and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery — Aug. 30, 1959.

The four younger children attended Versailles schools, where Dan graduated in 1963 and Carol in 1965. Jim Bob attended Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Mo. where he graduated in 1968.

Kathy completed high school at Westport High in Kansas City.

Dan, Carol and Kathy attended C.M.S.U. in Warrensburg where Carol received her B.S. degree in 1969. She received her

master's in 1971 from Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky.

Lola has five children and lives in Jefferson City.

Georgia married Ben Strope of Linn, Mo. and has three teenage children. Vincent attended first grade in Versailles in Dorothy Erickson's room.

Dan married Gay Barnett of Webster Groves, Mo. They have two daughters and are divorced. Dan is employed at Commonwealth Bank at Boston, Mass.

Carol married Charles E. Holt, II, of New Hampshire. They have two children. Carol is VP of placement at Morehead State U.

Jim Bob married Gabrielle Benzil of Germany. They live at Weisleaden, Germany and have one son. Jim is Sgt. E-7 in the U.S. Army.

Kathy married Dan Feldman and has two children. Divorced in June, 1978. Lives in Colorado.

Kaye Peek left Versailles in 1968 and became a housemother, later called resident director, at Houts-Hosey Hall at C.M.S.U. On Nov. 1, 1974 she married Homer G. Earhart and on June 1, 1975 resigned at C.M.S.U. She and Homer live at Excelsior Springs, Mo. *by Clarica Peek Earhart*

## HENRY EARNEST

In 1844, Amos Earnest (1812-1870), son of Henry F. and Rachel Lotspeich Earnest, came to Missouri from Indiana and settled in Proctor, Mo. He married Mary B. Willson (1818-1869). Their children were: Adeline, Issac H., Benjamin W., John M. and Jerusha.

*L to r:* Milton, Irene, Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Earnest, Herschel, Donald and Leonard.

Benjamin W. (9 Apr. 1854-1 Jan. 1912) married Mary (Mollie) Roe, sister of the late James Roe, of Versailles. Their four children were: Henry Carpenter; Maggie (who married Benjamin Willson and moved from Proctor to Versailles around 1920. Their children were Pearl, Anna, Myrtle, Paul and Ethel Marie); Mae, (who married Will Hughes and moved to Oklahoma in 1909. Their children were: Witten, Hazel and Wray); and Kellie, who went to Oklahoma in 1915 with his widowed mother, where he married Mary Kelly. Their children were: Leland, Harold and Leona.

Henry married Josephine Bybee, daughter of James and Mary Rank Bybee, when they lived in Proctor where Henry farmed and hauled freight for the general store from Versailles which was a distance of sixteen miles but required two days to travel round trip by horse and wagon on dirt (mostly mud) roads. They moved to Versailles in 1920. Their children were: Herschel Warren, Curtis Earl, James Milton, Leonard Mancil, Mabel Irene and Donald Henry. Milton's twin sister, Mildred, died in 1918, a victim of influenza.

Herschel married Mildred Ellis. They are the parents of one daughter, Belva Elaine, who married Arthur Henry Reiman, Jr. They have three children, Linda Diane, Robert Ernest and Arthur Henry III.

Curtis married Garnet Stark and they live in Springfield, Mo.

Milton married Anna Machir Foster and they live in Camdenton, Mo.

Leonard ("Cotton") married Madeline Munkres and lives in Versailles where he has served as County Treasurer for over thirty years. Their children are Jo Ann, Leonard, Jr. ("Sonny"), Robert Henry ("Bob"), Barbara Jean and John Michael ("Mike"). Jo Ann married Kenneth Pace. They were divorced and she is married to J.E. Barnes, Jr. The children are Marty (who married Carmen Maxwell), Chris, Gary, Lisa, and Leslie. "Sonny" married Karen Gerhart and they have two children, Deborah and Alan. "Sonny" is serving his second term as Morgan County Sheriff. Bob and Mike still reside at home. Barbara Jean married Larry Wayne Haggerman. They live in Fortuna and have four boys: Brad, Scott, Wesley, and Cory.

Irene, who is director of nurses at Bothwell Hospital in Sedalia, Mo., married Leo Spears and have one daughter and one son. Leona married William Trout, Jr. and they have a daughter, Tammy and a son, William Neal III. Their first son, Mark, died in infancy. Robert Leo and his wife, Karolyn Lamb, have two sons, Chris and Travis.

Donald married Viola Riechstetter and had a son, Donald Henry Jr., and a daughter, Cindy. They are divorced and Donald married Jeannette Webb.

## AMOS W. EARNEST

Amos W. Earnest was born December 12, 1812 in Eastern Tennessee, a son of Henry F. and Rachel (Lotspiech) Earnest. His mother died when he was very young. He had one brother, Samuel Earnest, and a sister whose name is unknown. His father married Hannah Bitner and they were the parents of several children before the death of Henry F. in October 1827 in Sevier County, Tennessee.

Amos W. bought land in Indiana in 1833 but later sold the land to his stepmother, Hannah Bitner Earnest. Soon after 1840 he removed to Morgan County, Missouri where he met and married Mary B. Willson. They were married November 20, 1844 in Morgan County. Mary B. Willson was a daughter of Abram and Mary (Baker) Willson. (See the Willson Family for information on this family.)

According to the family Bible, Amos and Mary were the parents of eight children: Julia Adaline, Isaac Huston, Henry Evans, Jerusha Jane, Mary Lavina, Benjamin W., Olive Elizabeth and John McKnight.

Julia Adaline Earnest was born November 10, 1845 and married Dr. H.A. Cooper on September 21, 1876. They were the parents of one child: Harry E. Cooper. Dr. Cooper had three children by a previous marriage: T.B. Cooper, Emma Cooper Pilkington and Howard Cooper. Dr. H.A. Cooper died April 22, 1901 and Julia Adaline died February 18, 1913 in Joplin, Missouri.

Isaac Huston Earnest was born April 17, 1847 and married first, Sarah E. Willson on September 15, 1870. Sarah was born September 15, 1850 and died April 27, 1882. No children are known of this union. Isaac Huston married 2nd to Elizabeth Adeline Snider, daughter of Daniel S. and Jane R. (Willson) Snider. They were married August 16, 1883. Elizabeth was born January 20, 1847 and died December 13, 1919. Isaac Huston Earnest died January 10, 1912. Their children were: Edith V. Earnest, born January 20, 1885, married Melchoir Kamm. He died September 1939 and she died November 9, 1965. Martha Josephine Earnest, born August 18, 1886, married March 14, 1906, Harvey A. Winningham. He was born in 1877 and died in 1961. Martha died in 1950.

Henry Evans Earnest, third child of Amos W., was born December 12, 1848 and died December 12, 1868 in Morgan County.

Jerusha Jane Earnest, fourth child of Amos W., was born October 27, 1850. Jerusha married Jeremiah B. Allender who had come to Morgan County from Rush County, Indiana on a visit. They were married January 19, 1871. One child, Mary Maria Allender was born September 10, 1872 and died October 5, 1872 in Morgan County and is probably buried in the Proctor Cemetery. Addie Mae Allender, their second child, was born July 28, 1873 in Morgan County, Missouri and soon after her birth, Jeremiah, Jerusha and Addie Mae moved back to Indiana and remained there the rest of their lives. Jerusha Jane died September 1928 and is buried in the Six Mile Cemetery in Hancock County, Indiana. Jeremiah died August 4, 1903 and is buried in the same cemetery.

Mary Lavina Earnest was the fifth child of Amos W. and was born July 16, 1852 and died February 13, 1869.

Benjamin W. Earnest, sixth child of Amos W., was born April 9, 1854. He married Mary F. Roe on October 27, 1881. She was born April 28, 1862 in Cooper County, Missouri. Benjamin W. died January 1, 1912 in Morgan County and Mary F. died January 3, 1945 at Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma. Their children were: Maggie Earnest, born 15 March 1888, married Ben F. Willson July 9, 1905. He was born 17 August 1881 and died March 11, 1944. Maggie died December 30, 1948. Henry C. Earnest, born August 31, 1888, married Josephine Bybee, daughter of James and Mary (Rank) Bybee, on February 24, 1909. Anna May Earnest, born February 1892, married November 9, 1926, W.T. Hughes of Gravois Mills, Missouri and John Kelly Earnest, born January 7, 1899, married Mary Kelly and lived at Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma.

Olive Elizabeth Earnest, seventh child of Amos W., was born January 4, 1857 and as no further record has been found for her she may have died young.

John McKnight Earnest, eighth child of Amos W., was born September 7, 1859 in Morgan County. John M. married and had at least one child but the names of his wife or child are not known. He died February 3, 1915 in Camden County, Missouri. *Submitted by Dorcas McDaniel Hobbs*

## JOHN MONROE EARP

John Monroe Earp was born Feb. 16, 1882 at Linn Creek, Mo., son of James C. and Sarah Kelly Earp. He died August 31, 1950.

John Monroe Earp

Maurine Earp

He worked in Chicago for many years as a railroad employee. On June 20, 1920 he married Maurine Mae Daniels (born Versailles, Mo. Sept. 11, 1898-died April 5, 1970) daughter of Samuel and Sue French Daniels, (born Feb. 10, 1863-died March 31, 1938). Samuel Daniels (born in Morgan County May 21, 1860-died Nov. 14, 1923) married Sue French of Linn Creek on Jan. 1, 1896.

Samuel Daniels

Samuel was the son of David and Agnes Powell Daniels. Sue French was the daughter of William M. French, born in Christian County, Ky. Mar. 24, 1827-died Nov. 29, 1907) and Talitha Spencer French, born Aug. 6, 1831-died March 7, 1890.

John Monroe and Maurine Mae Daniels Earp were the parents of two children, Ann Earp, born Dec. 27, 1923 at Wheaton, Ill. and John M. Earp, Jr. born Dec. 22, 1935 at Versailles.

Ann married Russell P. Hall, Jr., son of Russell P. Hall and Ruth Hall on Jan. 26, 1947 at Versailles. Their children are Russell P. Hall, III, born May 23, 1949, married to Jean Smith, May 20, 1975; Pamela Sue Hall, born Oct. 24, 1953, married Neil Q. Wehrman Aug. 22, 1975; and Elizabeth Ann Hall, born Jan. 25, 1956, married Michael Decker, July 1, 1977.

John Earp, Jr. was never married and lives at Springfield, Mo.

John Monroe Earp was publisher of the Versailles Leader from 1924 until 1945. He served as postmaster in Versailles from 1936 to 1950. He was chairman of the Democrat Central Committee for many years. He served in World War I and was a member of Morgan County Post 104 of the American Legion. He was a member of the Versailles Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Versailles Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Earp are buried in the Versailles Cemetery. *by Ann Earp Hall*

## JOHN DIXON EATON

John D. Eaton (1818-1893) was born in Pennyslvania and married Susan Eliza Peart (1823-1886), daughter of Benjamin Peart, on Nov. 12, 1839 in Pine Township, Penn. There were twelve children born but six died in an epidemic in 1861 and another son, Benjamin, died during the Civil War at the Aquia Creek Hospital in Virginia. In 1868 John, Susan and sons Samuel and David left Armstrong County, Penn. for Versailles in Morgan County where John and Susan lived their remaining years. In Pennsylvania their daughter, Susan Jayne (1844-1884) married, first, David Wolfe and, second, Charles Larcum. She had two children: Alice Wolfe who married John Harding and Charles Larcum, Jr.

Samuel Eaton (1846-1932) married Catherine Anderson (1853-1935) in 1873, Versailles. James, John, George and Mary Jane were born in Morgan County; Melvin, Elvin, Ward and Forrest in Jefferson County, Penn.; and Mary Belle and Fred in Clallam County, Washington. The family moved to Clallam County to homestead in 1890 where Samuel was a

David Eaton

Mrs. David Eaton

surveyor for the federal government and delivered mail in the wilderness. In 1899 they moved to King County, near Seattle, where the family lived on a ranch for many years.

James (1874-1947) married Blanche Drabing in Seattle and to them were born: William, Ruth, Reatha, Roy and Ruby. Melvin (1883-1953) and Mary Cooney Eaton became the parents of John, William, George, Robert, Edward and Mary Catherine. Elvin, Melvin's twin brother, married Bertha Martin and to them were born: Winnifred, Elvin, Viola, Grace, Carl, Charles, Andrew, May, Frederick, Mildred, Melvin, John, Cecil, Cecilea, Leota, Ruby and Lloyd. William Ward (1886-1960) and Una Johnson Eaton's children were Lillian and Vadie Belle. Forrest (1888-1973) married Ethel Riggs and had one child, Patricia. Mary Belle (1893- ) became the wife of Grant Martin and the mother of Glenn, George, Lester and Olive. After the death of Grant she married Jesse Vowell and lives in Tacoma, Wash. Fred (1895-1977) married Ola Smith.

David W. Eaton (1862-1947) and Nora Lydia Hook (1868-1934), daughter of Thomas Hook, were married on Sept. 9, 1886 at Syracuse, Missouri. David studied at the Versailles Institute and was employed in general surveying. In 1898 he worked in Alaska for the U.S. Coast and Geodetic survey, on construction of the C.R.I. & P.R.R. from St. Louis to Kansas City, Mo., and in 1904 moved to Washington, DC where he worked in federal service in Alaska, Colorado, Arizona and Montana. The family home was "Mt. Airy" in Virginia where he compiled an atlas of Westmoreland County, Va. during his retirement years.

Six children were born in Versailles: Ross Eaton (1887-1961) married Marjorie Dee Helmick in Portland, Oregon where they and their sons, Ross, Jr. and Steven lived. Frances (1890-1976) and her husband Lawrence Latane lived at Washington's Birthplace, Va. with their children Lawrence, Jr., David and Frances. John Hook Eaton (1892-1896). Susan (1894- ) married Henry West and she now lives in West Palm Beach, Florida. Dorothy (1897- ) and Tom Haislip lived in Penn., Seattle and after retirement in Ephrata, Wa. Their children are David, John and Sue. David Eaton (1902- ) and his wife Stella live in California. Nora Catherine (1905- ) was born in Washington, DC and married Lewis C. Flemer of Oak Grove, Va. They are retired in West Palm Beach, Fla. Their children are Lewis, Jr., John William, Thomas, Sue and David Andrew.

## JAMES HENRY EDDY

*James H. Eddy* was born in Corning, Iowa in 1893. (The son of John H. and Minnie Whipple Eddy. He moved with his parents and sister to Milan, Missouri and resided there eighteen years. They returned to Iowa where he met and married Edith A. Rummens in 1921. She was born in Livermore, Iowa. (Daughter of John H. and Sena Brovold Rummens). Sena came to America from Daaka, Norway when a small child.

James and Edith lived in Humboldt and Wright Counties of Iowa. They were farmers and when living in Galt, Iowa they raised cucumbers and worked for the Jack Sprat Pickle Company. He also had a trucking company and was a drayman. In March 1934 they and their six children moved to Versailles, Missouri. After one year, they moved to the farm east of town now owned by Mrs. Earnest Scott. In 1937 they moved to the ranch south of Gravois Mills, now owned by Violet Frazier, and raised cattle and sheep and operated a sawmill.

They and their eldest son, James J., bought land from the Ben Wilson heirs in 1945. With the help of younger sons, Albert and Bill, they set up a mill, sawed the lumber and built the home and out-buildings where they now live, one fourth miles west of the junction of Highways 5 and 135. For many years they sold eggs and poultry. Edith now weaves rugs.

Their children are: *James J.* — Single — Served in the Army in Alaska in WWII. A cattleman and a mechanic at Pages Boat Yard for 20 years. *Blanche R.* — Ralph Sheneman — 1946 — Taught one term at Bond School — A registered nurse and was a realtor in California state. (Margret-Lisa-Mark). *Joseph H.* — Single — Drowned in July 1945. Buried in Versailles Cemetery. *Albert W.* — Inez Kreglinger (daugh. of Theodore and Inez Taylor Kreglinger) 1955 — In the Army in Korea — Electrical Engineer. (Jeannie-Duane-Darren). *Bill E.* — Sylvia Tinta (daugh. of Mrs. Fern Welpman Cooper) 1954 — In the Navy during Korean War — Is manager of Seminole Fish Hatchery at Tallahassee, Florida. (Brian-Steve-Melissa-Alan-Jennifer). *Grace V.* — Everett Walters (son of Samuel and Fannie Hibdon Walters) 1946 — Taught one school term at Wilson Bend, Camden County, and one term-two months at Berkstresser School — Raised their five children while husband served twenty-six years in the Navy. They are: *Gary Rex* — Ruth Chable — 1975 — Army in Germany — Archeologist. *Jimmy Don* — Single — Army in Okinawa and Vietnam — cross country truck driver. *Bob Everett* — Kathleen Robinson (daugh. of Robert and Rosemary "Pat" Geiger Robinson) 1976 — Army in Italy — Student at M.U. *Carol Ann* — Kim James (son of Kenneth and Jewel Kincaid James) 1973 — Secretary to J.E. Barnes of Hubbard Abstract. *Billy Joe* — Single — cross country driver with his brother Jim.

John H. and Minnie Whipple Eddy and son Thomas R. came to Morgan County in 1935 from Iowa. They lived two years northeast of Versailles and three years south of Gravois Mills in the Jenkins School District. Thomas married Ozel Bowlin Porter of Versailles. The two families then returned to Iowa. Thomas and Ozel Eddy were the parents of five children. (Pauline — Lorene — Mary Lee — Darrell — John). *by Grace Walters*

## DAVID R. EDWARDS

David R. Edwards was a resident of Morgan County for only nineteen years, having come here in 1884, and died in 1903. But he left a living memorial — the orchards he started four miles south of Versailles. That area was still a wilderness when David R., a noted horticulturist, began his nurseries there. His fruits and vegetables were known as the best in the area, and many of the leading horticulturists of the country visited his orchards.

David R. Edwards was a member in good standing of the order of the Knights of Pythias, and highly respected in the community. He was born in Corinth, New York, in 1838, and educated there. He was descended from a distinguished ancestry, being a lineal descendant of Col. Nathaniel Edwards, who was prominent in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and a relative of the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, a noted theologian and philosopher in the 1700's. His family moved to Illinois when David R. was in his teens. From there he went to Iowa, then California, then back to Iowa, where he married Miss Olevia Nesbit in 1875. They farmed there for several years before coming to Missouri.

David R. and Olevia had two daughters and five sons. One of the daughters died in infancy, and the other one, Sada, died of tuberculosis in 1898 at the age of 22. She was a teacher, and had taught at the Fairview School near her home. All five of

David R. Edwards Family at the Edwards Orchards — 1900
Ed., Earl, Carl, David R., Olervia, Bill and Gus

the sons, Ed, Earl, Carl, Bill, and Gus, eventually moved to Sedalia and worked at the Railroad Shops, though Carl continued to operate the orchards for some years after their parents' death. In their later years, Bill and Carl also farmed in the Sedalia area.

Ed never married. He owned and operated a grocery store at 16th and Beacon in Sedalia in the 1930's and 40's.

Earl married Lucy Ephland of Morgan County and had four children. He helped build the Missouri Pacific Shops in Sedalia, and worked there as a pipefitter.

Carl married Elizabeth Kirby of Versailles and had three children, Ora, John, and Opal. Ora married Esther Kerr and lives in Sedalia. They have no children. John married Ruth Ellison of Morgan County, and they live in San Diego. They have no children. Opal married Mancel Lee of Morgan County and lives in Sedalia. She has two sons, Bobbie Lee of Sedalia, and J.C. Lee of Greenridge. Bobbie married Rosemary Capps of Morgan County and has one daughter and a grandson. J.C. married Jackie McLennen of Morgan County and has no children.

Bill was married twice but had no children.

Gus had one son, D.R. Edwards, who was named after his grandfather. D.R. is a well-known physician in Sedalia, and also has one son, David Russell Edwards III, who is an orthopedic surgeon in Kansas, and has two children.

None of David R. Edwards' descendants live in Morgan County now, but it is still "back home" to many of them. David R. and Olevia, and several of their descendants, are buried at Versailles. *by Rosemary Capps Lee*

## GEORGE EMERY EDWARDS

George Emery Edwards, born May 17, 1847 in Missouri, was the fifth child of James Edwards and Julia Anna Paige Edwards. James came from England, married Julia Anna Paige, died in 1849 enroute to the Calif. gold fields. The four oldest children, John, William, James and Mary, were born in Illinois, and the two youngest, George and Riley were born in Missouri. Julia Anna Paige Edwards married Perrin Delozier, about 1852-3. Lived near Otterville, Mo.

George Edwards was living in 1860 in Dade Co., Mo., with his brothers, John, William, James, Riley, and sister Mary, and his mother, Julia Anna Paige Edwards Delozier, and stepfather Perrin Delozier, and half-sisters, Sarah and Martha Delozier.

George Edwards went to Cooper Co., Mo. with the Delozier family. In 1870 he was living there with wife, McOlin Mathis Edwards, and children, Cora, William, and David Pern. He had married, April 30, 1865, McOlin Mathis, born Sept. 6, 1849, daughter of David Loury Mathis and Margaret Stephens Wear Mathis, (see Mathis, Wear, Stephens account), who lived in Morgan County, Mo. George Edwards lived on adjacent land from 1871 to 1884. Seven additional children were born in Morgan Co.

In 1884-5, George Edwards, wife, McOlin, and ten children, left Missouri in two wagons, and pioneered to the Artesian Valley of Meade Co., Kans. A team of mares with harness and wagon was traded for 160 acres of land. They built a sod house.

George Edwards was a Civil War veteran in the Union Army, Company L-2 Missouri Light Artillery. He died in 1925 at Fort Dodge Old Soldiers Home. His wife, McOlin, died in 1903.

The oldest daughter, Cora B., married 1881 E.H. Burford (Morgan county family), returned to Missouri from Kansas. E.H. Burford was sheriff and assessor of Moniteau county. They lived at Syracuse at death, he in 1944, and she in 1948. Children: Zeda Vivian Burford born 1882, married John Hutch Allison; Etta Bertha, married Geo. F. Taliaferro III; Addison Burford, died 1891; Ethel, died 1891; Nora H., born 1891, died 1958, Syracuse; Georgia Frances born 1894, married Charles Lloyd Austin; Charles Edward, born 1904, married Virginia Snow, lived Texas.

William Edwards, the oldest son of George and McOlin Edwards, went to Kansas in 1884 with the family, but stopped in Sumner county where he stayed his life as a farmer. He married Lena May Burford 1896, died 1942. Children: Zella Evelyn Edwards born 1898, married Ralph Dick Sr.; John Forrest, married Helen Friend; Freida Lavina, born 1908, married Henry Jantz.

David Pern Edwards, born 1869 in Missouri, married in Kansas, Clarabelle Zortman. Died 1946. Children: Jessie Lavina Edwards, born 1895, married Ernest Shogrin; Blanche Lenore married Clarence Hantla; Georgia McOlin, married Howard Smith Sr.; Myrtle Frances, married Hubert Allen Schuster; May Fern married Robert E. Lett; Viola Mary, married James Elbert Flynn; Jay T., married 1st, Laura Barkley, 2nd Juaneta __; Pern David, born 1917, married Evelyn Padget.

Anna Margaret Edwards, went from Missouri in 1884 in George Edwards family, to Kansas. Married 1888 Elmer Holt Henderson. They went to Washington state, Canada, and California. Children: Ada May Henderson, married James Wm. Green; Elizabeth, born 1891 married Walter Glenn Roberts; Amy Saphrone, married James B. Wagner; Wesley H. Henderson, born 1902 never married.

Charles L. Edwards, grew up in Meade county, Kan., married Leota Trahern. Children: Alta, born 1901, married Mack Shadden 1921; Frank, born 1902, married Beulah Whitehead 1922.

Lattie Lee Edwards, born 1875 in Missouri, raised in SW Kansas, married 1897, J.W. Brock. Children: Esther born 1898, married Howard Laster, then Ellis Linder; Pearl, born 1899, married Harry Reinert, lived Deerfield, Kansas; Edith, married Chester Marrs 1919; Ollie Brock born 1902, married William J. Gooden; Harold born 1906, married Ida Meyer; George Brock married Katherine Alice Alley, lived Los Angeles, Calif.; William Brock born 1910, married Esther Meyer; Beulah Brock born 1911, died 1912; Edwin, born 1914, married Betty Brucker, lives Calif.; Gladys Brock, born 1917, married Dale Blake.

Albert T., married Iva May Kropf, lived Dwight and Wichita, Kansas. Children: Eva May, born 1925, married Jack Dill; Evelyn, married Richard E. Hoenscheidt; Rosalie, married Earl Bradburn; Virgil C.; Mary Ellen, married Wm. Robert Gourley; Lorene, married A.L. Ammons; Albert; Alice Faye, married Allen Burroughs; Minnie, married Keith Weiths.

Minnie F. Edwards, grew up in Meade county. Married William H. Hotz in 1900. Sons George F., and William C., who lived Calif.

John Wesley Edwards, son of George and McOlin Mathis Edwards, was born in Morgan Co., Mo., and went to Kansas at age two years, and lived the rest of his life. He married in 1908 Gertrude Maude Boyer. He farmed, managed COOP Elevator, was Meade County treasurer. Richard Laurence Edwards, born 1911, married Mildred North. Other children:

Wallace W., married Iva Epley; Ruth, married Harold Sallee; Paul, married Gene Lekander.

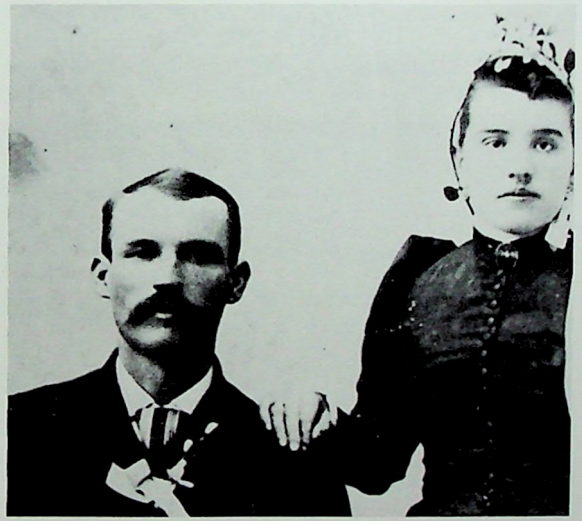
Maude M. Edwards, born in Morgan County. She married Gattis Stewart. Children: Twins, Gladys, and Gattis; Woodrow; Paul; Wilda; and Gene.

Earl F. Edwards was born in Kansas. He married Beryl King. Children: Kenneth L.; Geraldine; Elton; and Naomi. Earl F. was a World War I Veteran.

Edward H. Edwards, born 1892, Meade Co., Kan. He married Mabel Smith. Children: Emogene; Evelyn McOlin; George Adin. Edward H. was a veteran of World War I. *Submitted by R. Laurence Edwards*

## ANTON EHLERS

Anton Ehlers was born September 26, 1823, at Hanover, Germany. It is not known in what year he immigrated with his wife, Anna A. Loten, but he did travel by ship to New Orleans and then up the river to Boonville. They came to Morgan County and homesteaded forty acres in Haw Creek Township. Besides farming for a living, Anton also taught school and was the first Lutheran school teacher at Pyrmont, Missouri. He and his wife had six children, Anton (Jr.), Henry, Gasha (Martin Gerken), Anna (Fred Kipp), John, and Conrad. John remained a bachelor.



Conrad and Emma Ehlers

Anton A. Ehlers, Jr. was given the name of his father as part of a four hundred year old tradition among the Ehlers. Anton Jr. was born June 28, 1849, at Pyrmont. He married Louise W.S. Koch and their children are Henry, Herman, Anton, Mary (Carl Fisher), Anna (Borchers), Minnie (Keuhnemund), and Cena (Monsees).

Henry Ehlers son of Anton Jr. married Rosie Otte and they had three children, Esther (Martin Fisher), Clarence, and Vera (Holsten). Esther and Clarence live in Stover and Vera in Cole Camp. Clarence has two sons Hubert and C.L.

Herman married Carie Nottmeier and three children resulted from this union, Nobert of Kansas City, Marvin and Deloris Diekmen of Sedalia. The children of Marvin Ehlers are Donnie, Donna, Karen, and Debbie.

Anton (3rd generation) married Florence Law and had no children.

Henry Ehlers son of the German-born Anton, had two children by his first wife, Anna Kruesen and Peter, and three sons

Anton and Anna Ehlers

by his second wife, John, George, and Henry. This whole family moved to Oklahoma.

Conrad Peter Ehlers was born June 18, 1861, at Pyrmont. He married Emma Otte, a sister to Rosie Otte. Their children are Carl, Paul, Edwill, Clara, and Nora.

Paul A. Ehlers was born October 9, 1898, and he married Katie Nottmeier. Their children are Norean Potter, Leonard, Willma Miller, Lucile Steinmeyer, and Fern Marie Harms. Paul started the Skelly Oil Company of Stover in 1926 and operated the business until 1947 when he turned it over to his son, Leonard, who is presently operating the business. In 1950 Paul and Katie opened the Stover Sewing Supplies and sold paint and wallpaper along with sewing machines. The store closed in 1967.

Carl Henry Ehlers was born November 6, 1901, at Pyrmont. He married Emma Nottmeier, sister to Katie and Carrie, and they had seven children, Lavera (Reuben Brandes), Ruth (Elvan Wahlers), Angeline (Carl Weicken), Alfred, Vern Dean, Larry, and Carlene (Kenneth Nolting). Carl and Emma live on the farm north of Pyrmont homesteaded by his grandfather Anton Ehlers.

Alred was born January 4, 1936, and passed away in 1937.

Vern Dean married Marien Lemler and has three children of the home, Connie, Debra, and Timothy.

Larry married Francellia Monsees and has four children of the home, Dayton, Annette, Lora, and Shellene.

Edwill Ehlers was born May 7, 1911. He married Dora Witte and they had two children, Norman and Elsie Schlueter. Elsie lives in Jefferson City. Edwill works as a carpenter, and he and his wife live at Stover.

Clara married Edmund Tagymeyer and their children are David, Virgil, Cletus, and Elaine (Donald Marriot). Clara and Edmund live on a farm on the Morgan and Benton County line.

Nora married Leo Schroder and their children are Kenneth, Harvey, Helen (Bredehoeft), Mary (Schultz), and Waneta (Blumhorst). Nora remarried to a Fisher and lives in Concordia, Missouri. Her family lives outside Morgan County. *Submitted by Stephen C. Weicken*

## CLAUS EHLERS

Claus Ehlers was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, on Jan. 14, 1831. He came to America in 1845 with his

George and Sophia Ehlers - 1898

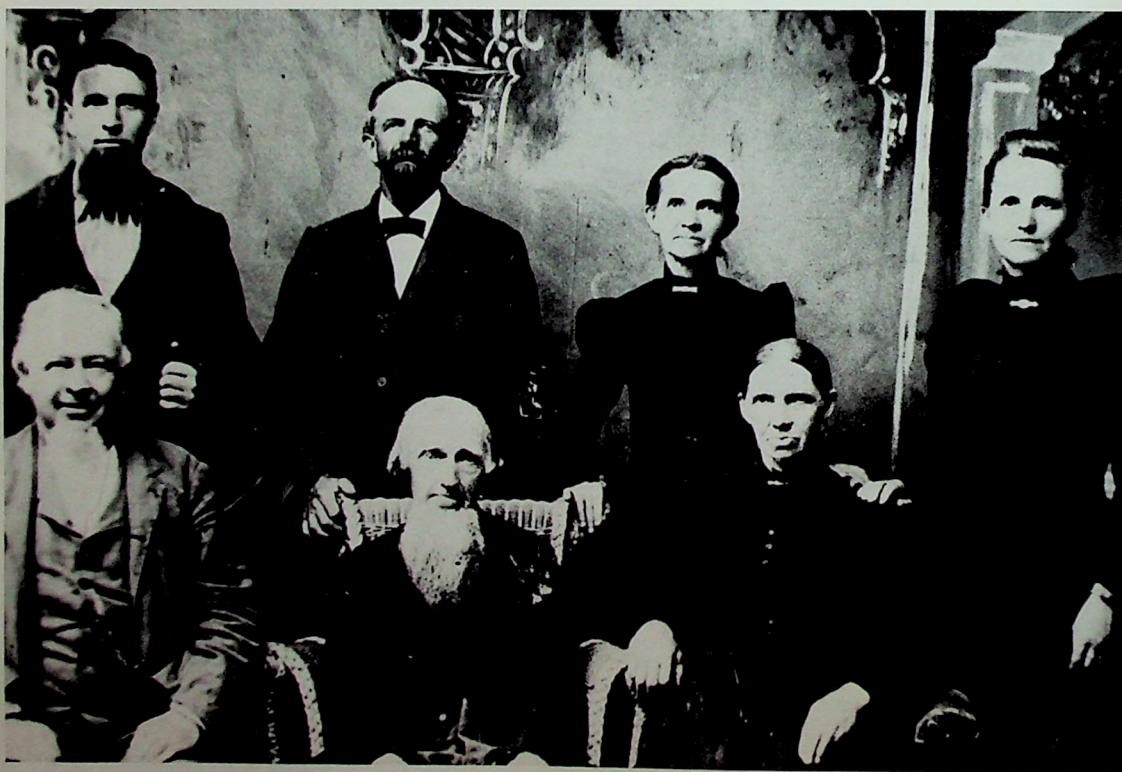
father, Anton Ehlers, Sr., his mother, and other family mem bers.

Wilhelmina Caroline Louise (Dieckman) Ehlers was born January 13, 1827, in Gellersen, Hanover, Germany. She came to America in 1852. Her parents remained in Germany. On December 8, 1852, she was married to Claus Ehlers with the Rev. Christian Mier of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pyrmont, of ficiating. The couple lived on a farm north of Pyrmont and Claus was a farmer, carpenter, and broommaker. They had eight children; one daughter died in infancy. Three sons, An ton, Frederick, and John Henry (J.H.) became Lutheran pas tors. Rev. J.H. Ehlers was pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church Norborne, Mo. for 49 years. Two sons, Carl and William moved to Iowa as did a daughter, Augusta, who married John Alpers of the old Stover area. The youngest son George H (Dec. 8, 1868-Nov. 20, 1949) was married on September 29 1898 to Sophia Fuehring (March 20, 1876-Oct. 4, 1949) George lived on the home place and was a farmer.

Claus Ehlers died Dec. 29, 1902, and Wilhelmina on July 4 1906. Children of George and Sophia Ehlers are Alvine and Lorenz. Alvine married Willie Viebrock and now lives in Cole Camp. Their children are Arnold Viebrock of Lexington, Mo. Vernon Viebrock of Republic, Mo., Leroy Viebrock who lives at Versailles, and Violet (Mrs. Robert Morris) of North Kan sas City. Lorenz Ehlers married Selma Zimmerschied of Cole Camp. They have one son, Roy, and live north of Stover.

## JOHN EHLERS

John Ehlers was born near Hamburg and Bremen, Ger many October 25, 1815. He came to the United States in 1852



Ehlers Family

*Front row, l-r:* Anton, John, Anna. *Back row:* Henry, Herman, Marie, Gesena.

John's parents from both sides came to this country in 1845. John's first wife and a child were buried at sea in August and September of 1853. He died at his home near Bebra (North of Stover) at the age of 92. He was married twice and six children survived him, two having died in infancy. His children with his first wife were Antone E., Anna (Wendler), Marie (Balke), and Herman. Children with his second wife were Gesina (Boeschen), and Henry. Antone's first wife was Meta Loden and they had two children, Ernest and Fredrica (Ricky Krisle). Antone's second wife was Anna Reck. They lived on a farm north of Stover and he was the assessor of Morgan County for several years. They had ten children, Martha (Rehmer), Sena (Lemke), Peter, Anna (Kipp), the twins Mary (Sturkey) and Rudolph, Matilda (Nolting) and Albert. Two sons died and they were both named Joseph. Matilda Nolting is the only living child today and is the mother of Melvin Nolting of Stover.

Peter Ehlers was born January 29, 1879 and married Anna Koch, daughter of Fred and Johanna Stucker Koch on April 11, 1909. Anna Koch's family also came from Germany. Peter and Anna had seven children, one died in infancy. Their children are Arthur, Matilda (Richardson), Walter, Elmer, Alfred, and Richard.

Walter was born September 8, 1916. He married Renata Fischer of Stover on December 29, 1940. Renata was born June 6, 1920, the daughter of Theodore and Pauline Nolting Fischer. When first married they lived in Sedalia and Walter worked on the railroad until inducted into the army. He was at training camps in Missouri, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Virginia leaving the states on June 6, 1943 and landing at Casablanca, North Africa. He was at Oran, Naples, Italy, Glasgow, Scotland and Southern England. He was with the invading force on D-Day but was wounded before reaching the landing beaches. He was at Bremen, Germany when the war ceased which is the town where his grandfather had once lived. After the war they bought a farm south of Stover where they still reside. They raised three children who are Judith Diann, Joyce Elaine, and Rita Marie.

Judith (Judy) was born July 31, 1941. She married Norbert Schuermann of Harvester on November 9, 1963. They are now living in St. Charles, Missouri. Judy is an elementary teacher at Weldon Springs and Norbert is a cement finisher. They had three children, Ellen Sue was born October 25, 1964, David Walter was born December 2, 1965 and Mellisa Mae was stillborn December 3, 1970. Ellen and David are students at C. Fred Hollendeck Jr. High.

Ehlers Family
*Front:* Anna (Koch) Ehlers, Peter, Richard. *Back:* Arthur, Walter, Elmer, Alfred.

Joyce was born January 2, 1948. She married Donald Marriott of Versailles on June 6, 1969. Joyce is a bookkeeper at the M.F.A. in Versailles and Donald is a carpenter and farmer. They have three children, Donald Gene was born June 20, 1972, Ronald Dale was born July 30, 1975 and Timothy Andrew was born August 30, 1977. Donald Gene is a student at Morgan County RI in Stover.

Rita was born October 17, 1951. She married Stephen Barron of Versailles on September 8, 1973. Rita works at the Farmers Bank of Stover and Steve is associated with the Western Auto Store in Versailles. They have two children, Kevin James was born August 5, 1975 and Eric Stephen was born June 20, 1978. *Walter R. Ehlers*

## AUGUST ELDENBURG

From Germany, via New York, the August Eldenburg family arrived in Morgan County, near Florence, in 1882. He married Caroline Bretall. They had five children: Harmon, August, Jr., Robert, Augusta and Carl. They settled on the Charles Otten farm, just south of Florence.

Of the five children, only Harmon and Robert established homes in Morgan County. Harmon married Sophia Hildebrandt, and Robert married her niece, Theresa White, in 1912.

For several years, Harmon and Sophia lived on the Bennington farm, presently owned by Leo and Agnes Wray. Their son, Bennett, was born there in 1895. In 1900, Harmon and Robert Eldenburg bought the Billie Baughman farm, on Richland Creek. Harmon's son, Otto, was born at the farm, after his parents moved there shortly after the purchase.

Bennett died in 1905. Otto still lives on the family farm. He bought his uncle's half of the land from his Aunt Theresa and her daughters. In 1920, Otto married Cora Shroeder. Their children are Lucille (Mrs. Leo) Broderson, who has two children, Judy and Gary; Myrtle (Mrs. Floyd) Bristow, who has two sons, Jimmie and Mark Clingan; and Dr. Donald Eldenburg, who married Charlotte Ausman, and has three sons, Steven, Larry and Curtis. Dr. Eldenburg practices in Sedalia.

Robert and Theresa Eldenburg reared their children on the farm where his parents first settled, which still is owned by their son, Harold, who was born in 1913. Two daughters, Esther (Mrs. John) Carlock and Elise (Mrs. H.M.) Ferguson, became nurses and moved to Oregon. Esther has a daughter, Mary, and a grandson, Matthew. Elise died at age 33.

Harold Eldenburg married Anna Rages in 1939, and they have two children. Robert, born in 1940, is county commissioner of Bryan County, Okla. Teresa (Mrs. James) Lester, born in 1957, lives on the home place and attends State Fair Community College, Sedalia. Robert has a daughter, Robin, born in 1964, and a son, Michael, born in 1967. Teresa's daughters, Jennifer and Christy, were born in 1975 and 1976, respectively.

Harold and Anna Rages Eldenburg, a retired schoolteacher, live near Highway 135, not far from Florence, Mo. *Submitted by Anna J. Eldenburg*

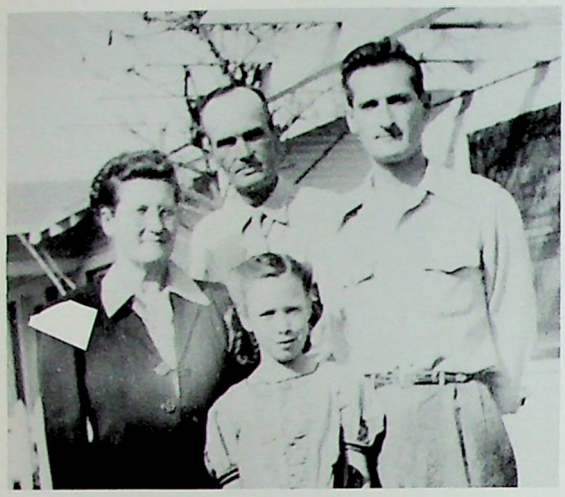
## CLAUDE JEWEL ELKINS

Claude Jewel Elkins, second son of Benjamin V. Elkins, was born Dec. 26, 1900, at Sedalia, Mo., and died Feb. 7, 1950, at Stover; having lived there from 1934 to 1950.

He worked as a telegrapher for Union Pacific Railroad in Ogden, Utah, when war was declared with Germany. His brother, Walter, was home on leave, so Claude took time off and went home for Christmas, 1917. He volunteered for the Army Feb. 28, 1918, served in combat and was discharged Aug. 6, 1919.

Unable to find work, but wanting to marry his childhood sweetheart, Gertrude B. Moseby, he decided to join the Navy, June 16, 1920, and was sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois. He suffered an acute attack of appendicitis in Sept. 1920. Since he had been gassed in France, the ether for the appendectomy froze his lungs and he later contracted tuberculosis. He was sent to Fort Lyons, Colo., for hospitalization.

During Christmas leave, he married Gertrude Moseby, and she returned to Colorado with him. He was given a medical



Gertrude B. Elkins, Claude J. Sr., Claude Jr. and Patricia Ann

discharge April 27, 1921. For the better part of 10 years, Claude was in and out of hospitals as a tubercular case. In November, 1929, his condition was pronounced arrested at the hospital at Battle Creek, Mich.

Claude Jewel Elkins, Jr., was born Nov. 29, 1921. After Missouri paid the WW I veteran's bonus, Claude and family bought a 157-acre farm at Pyrmont, near Stover, where they built their first home in 1934. During the next few years, Claude and Claude Rapp bought cattle to form a registered Hereford herd.

Claude, Jr., attended school at Stover. The family joined the Methodist Church there. About this time, an adjoining 220 acres came up for sale and Claude bought the land and rented the house and improvements of the original farm.

The new farm had better improvements, a good well, orchard and a year-round creek for livestock water. Claude set aside a certain field, called the "Lord's Acre." This field was harvested and the proceeds given to the church as a tithe. The family also tithed other products of the farm.

Claude introduced lespedeza to the Stover area, and helped promote the legume to a major hay crop.

Claude, Jr., graduated from Stover High School May 19, 1939, and married Mildred Casdorph on July 2, 1941. He served in the Navy SeaBees during World War II. In Sept. 1942, Claude and Gertrude Elkins took a three-year-old girl to raise, Patricia Ann Hays, a niece of Gertrude's best friend, and later adopted her, in 1948.

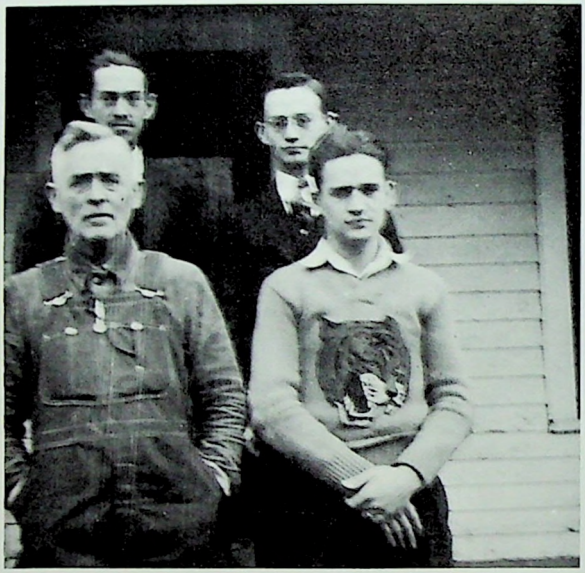
Claude Jewel Elkins, Sr., died Feb. 7, 1950, after suffering cancer of the bladder. His son and family came home at Christmas time, 1949, but had to return. He returned home again when it appeared that his father would die soon.

After Claude's death, Gertrude sold the farm and livestock and moved to an apartment in Stover. She worked at the MFA Producer's Exchange for eight years, then she and Lillie Parker started an ice cream parlor on Highway 52. It prospered so well that they had to employ extra help, and the equipment was paid for in the first season.

Patricia finished school at Stover, then attended college at Warrensburg. She married Frederick Eugene Buchanan on May 9, 1959, and later moved to Bellflower, Calif. They have a son and daughter. Gertrude Elkins sold out at Stover and moved to Bellflower, Calif., as well, and later married Roy Logan Stover. They were married 15½ years when he died May 29, 1970.

## GEORGE EDWARD ELLEY

Edward Elley and his brother, Ben, sons of James W. and Hannah Ellis Elley came from St. Louis County to Callaway County when young men and settled in the Mokane area where they farmed, about 1880. Edward married Malinda Jane Farmer and to this union were born three children. George, 1883-1955, Jim and Mattie. Their mother died when George was 3 years of age and he made his home with his Grandmother Farmer and his Aunt Sally Boyer after that. His brother and sister lived with other relatives until his father married Nancy Elizabeth Hinton. They had two daughters, Neville and Alma. In 1911 the Edward Elley family moved to Morgan County settling in the East Prairie district. Later they moved to Barnett and then to a farm south of Barnett where Edward died Oct. 19, 1931.



*L to r, front:* George Elley and sons, Russell; *Back:* Ralph and Harold 1937.

George was working on the Bridge Gang for the Katy R.R. in Callaway County and was laid off so he came to Morgan County to visit his father. It was 1912 and he worked in the hay farms around Marvin that summer and went to parties in that neighborhood and met Minnie Mae Allee. On Dec. 25, 1912 he and Minnie were married at her parents' home, R.F. and Alice Henson Allee. They moved to Versailles where George was employed at the W.S. Dickey plant. To this union were born four children, Harold, Ralph, Russell and Juanita. In 1922 George started in the dray business with a team and wagon. Later he used two teams and four wagons. With his best team, he contracted to drive funeral coaches for the late Wm. F. Kidwell. The horses were covered with ornate black nets for the funeral procession. George bought his first truck in 1926 and until 1948 met trains and hauled freight to merchants, moved people and for several years hauled for the Tweedie Corp. In 1948 George had major surgery and that ended the dray business. He drove a school bus for about five years before he died on August 28, 1955.

George and Minnie were members of the Baptist Church and the Modern Woodman of America and Royal Neighbor Lodge.

Harold married Vivian Crowson. They had one son, Douglas. Harold managed The Royal Theatre and Versailles Hardware for several years. For eight years the Elleys lived in Jefferson City where Harold traveled for the Shapleigh

George and Minne Elley with grandson Doug - 1947

Hardware Co. of St. Louis. In 1961 they returned to Versailles where Harold continued in the hardware business for five years and then he went back on the road for the Belknap Co. of Louisville. He also managed the theatre again from 1962 to 1973. He retired in 1977 and is now the Municipal Police Judge.

Ralph first married Ann Bell and they had a daughter, Carol Ann. Ralph joined the Navy in World War II and on Sept. 30, 1941, married Margaret Tankersley of Fortuna. To this union were born four sons, Clifford, Jim, Carl Ray and David. They settled near Dubuque, Iowa where they farmed after Ralph returned from service. Later moved to town. Ralph was forced to take an early retirement because of ill health and he and Margaret moved back to Fortuna, Mo.

Juanita married Richard Lake II, who came to Versailles from Kansas City, Kans. to work as a helper at the Rock Island depot. There he worked with George and became acquainted with Juanita. After their marriage, they returned to Kansas City, Kans. They had a son, Richard III and a daughter, Susan. Dick worked his way up with the Railroad until he was made Supt. of Safety and Rules for the Rock Island Lines and was moved to Chicago in October 1959. He died of a heart attack Feb. 7, 1960.

Russell married Ozetta Williams of Ionia and they moved to Kansas City, Kansas where Russell was a clerk in the Rock Island Freight Office until he died March 25, 1962. They had a son, Bill born while Russell was serving with the army in France. They also had a daughter, Donna. *by Vivian Elley*

## THOMAS HENRY ELLIOTT

Thomas H. Elliott was born in Adair County, Kentucky on February 2, 1847, and at the age of two years came to Moniteau County, Missouri with his parents. He grew up on the family farm and received his education in the rural schools of Moniteau County. In 1868 he came to Morgan County and in 1872 he purchased the farm located about one mile Southeast of Old Marvin, where he lived until his death.

Thomas Henry Elliott was a descendant of Captain George Elliott who was born in County Doun, Ireland in 1728, the son of Alexander Elliott (1686-1763) of Banbridge, Ireland. George Elliott came to Augusta County, Virginia in 1755 and

Elliott Home

gave service in the French and Indian Wars. In 1774 he was commissioned a Captain in the Virginia Navy in anticipation of the impending Revolutionary War. Records of June 16, 1777 show the vessel Safeguard, a galley of 83 guns captained by Captain George Elliott of Rockbridge County.

George Elliott was first married on July 23, 1762 to Chariety Jane Diddle (1742-1779) and their first child was Alexander Elliott born in 1763 in Pennsylvania. His son, William Elliott of Kentucky and Moniteau County was married to Susan Nelson on October 12, 1817 and they were the parents of Thomas Henry Elliott.

After having farmed his land as a bachelor for a number of years, Thomas H. Elliott was married to Agnes Daniels, the daughter of David Daniels on September 12, 1883. Their children were: David H., William H., Agnes Powell (Thruston), Thomas Conway, Hannah Nelson (Rumans), Mary Ruth (Parsons), Samuel Isaac, and Clara Grace. Two daughters still live in Morgan County, they are: Hannah Nelson (Mrs. George) Rumans and Mary Ruth (Mrs. Cecil) Parsons. They are reported under their current histories.

Thomas Henry Elliott died June 27, 1908 and his widow Agnes Daniels Elliott died in 1936, never having remarried.

## JAMES ENSMINGER

James Ensminger was born in Stark County, Ohio July 7, 1841. He later moved to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He married Lucy Ann Arbegast in 1861. She was born in Cumberland County, Penn. Dec. 26, 1833. To them were born eight children: James, Emma, Mary Ann, Charles, Rosanna, John, Albert, and Jacob. The family migrated to Morgan County in 1873 and settled on a farm south of Stover.

James, the eldest son, (born Nov. 23, 1862) left Morgan County as a young man and worked on the MKT railroad between Kansas and Texas. After suffering an injury while at work, he returned to Morgan County. In 1897 he married Mary Virginia Huffman (born Feb. 27, 1859) daughter of Andrew and Mary Ann Moore Huffman. They were married at the old Huffman family residence, one and one-half miles east of Versailles.

They established their home on a farm south of Stover for a short time and in 1897 they purchased a farm three miles east of Versailles and resided there until their death. The farm remains in the family.

One daughter, Mabel Ann (born Sept. 24, 1898, died Feb. 1, 1964) was born to James and Mary.

On March 9, 1931, Mabel Ann Ensminger married Joe B. Hilderbrand (born Oct. 10, 1899, died Oct. 24, 1976) son of Robert and Mary Myers Hilderbrand. The couple made their home on the old Ensminger farm where they were engaged in farming and business. To this union were born four children: Joan Marie, now Mrs. H.W. Smiley Jr., who resides two miles west of Versailles, Ruth Mae who resides on the old family farm east of Versailles, Etta Fae, now Mrs. George A. Porter,

who resides six miles east of Versailles, and James Robert who died as an infant.

## JOHN ENSMINGER

John Ensminger was born in Stark Co., Ohio, July 7, 1841 and is 8th of 10 children. His parents Jacob and Mary M. (Dewait) Ensminger were born in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ensminger

On April 7, 1864 he married Lucy Ann Arbegast in Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania. In 1872 he exchanged his farm in Virginia for one in western Morgan Co., Missouri. John was a Democrat in politics, member of the Agricultural Wheel, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children are as follows: James born in 1864; Emma in 1866; Mary in 1867; Charles in 1868; Rosa in 1871; John in 1873; Alfred in 1875 and Jacob in 1877.

Charles married Cenie Jones Jan. 27, 1901. She was the daughter of Charles and Harriott (Marriott) Jones. They owned a large farm in the Proctor community. Charles was a farmer and stockman and was known for his fancy mules. In 1931 he sold the farm to Union Electric when the Bagnell Dam was built and moved to Versailles. He and his wife were members of the Versailles Methodist Church. Their children were Arthur born in 1902; Thelma in 1903; Cleo in 1909 and Milton in 1911.

Arthur married Hazel Perkins in 1923. She was the daughter of John and Nora (Estes) Perkins. Arthur was a farmer and stockman as his father and bought the homeplace at Proctor from the Union Electric in 1936. They lived here and raised 3 children. Lemoyne born in 1924; Ira in 1925 and Emogene 1929. Then in 1948 they sold the farm and moved to Versailles and Arthur had the contract with Rock Island Railroad for freight and express deliveries from 1949 to 1969 when he retired.

Ira married Esther Hafer in 1944. She was the daughter of Robert and Alma (Foster) Hafer. Ira was inducted in the army of World War II in 1944. He served in the South Pacific and was Honorably discharged in 1946. He received several combat ribbons and a Purple Heart. Their children are: Sheila born 1949; Theila in 1951 and in 1954 a set of twins Elaine and Ellen. In 1957 Ira started working at the Post Office in Versailles as substitute carrier and in 1960 he was appointed as regular carrier. In 1965 he was appointed as rural route carrier. He and his wife belong to the First Baptist Church of Versailles.

Theila married Rodger Luetjen of Cole Camp in 1972. They have 3 children Sara born in 1973; Amy in 1975 and Eric in 1977.

Ellen married Joseph Campbell of Green Ridge in 1974. They have one son, Caleb, born 1977.

Elaine married Gary Tipton of Warrensburg in 1976. *Submitted by Esther Ensminger*

## WILLIAM EVANS

William Evans was born at Zanesville, Ohio, April 28, 1830. He came to Missouri about 1840 with his parents, Robert and Mary George Evans, his grandmother, Mary George, widow of Rev. Henry George, and certain other relatives, including his sister Jane who was married to William Williams, a native of Wales, as were also Robert and Mary Evans and Mary George. William Evans had five other sisters and a brother, Henry George Evans. Elizabeth married William Porter, Abigail married Belford Walker (their son, R.F. Walker, was a justice on the Missouri Supreme Court for a number of years), Mary died unmarried. Catharine married Peter Ross Burns, who after her death married her sister, Margaret.

William and Eliza Evans Home

William and Eliza Evans

George and William used to haul freight to Florence from Boonville before railroads came to this section.

William married (April 12, 1855) Eliza Jane Giles, daughter of William P. and Mary Ann Wear Giles, and they spent their lives in and near Florence and Syracuse, their last home being near Mt. Olive Baptist Church about midway between these towns. William was one of the charter members of this church, constituted Nov. 14, 1874, and was its first clerk, serving in this position for thirty years. He and his wife, also a member of Mt. Olive, are buried in the cemetery there. He died April 3, 1915 and she January 19, 1919. He served in the Union Army for a time.

Their eight children in the order of their birth were: Mary Elizabeth, Robert William (or William Robert), George Washington, James Franklin, John, Lou Ann, Elbert Ross, and Benjamin Ernest. Ben died at the age of twenty-four, unmarried. John and Mary lived their lives on the home place. Mary died there in 1942, unmarried.

John married Agnes Wuerdeman, daughter of Henry and Anna Wuerdeman.

George married Martha Jane Peoples. Their children were William (who died in infancy), Wilbur, Edna, and Ross. After some years they moved to Colorado. George, a restauranteur, died there in 1932, and Martha in Los Angeles in 1951. Wilbur married Bessie Betsaver of Morgan County. They had nine children. Wilbur had one daughter from a later marriage after Bessie's death. Edna, a nurse, never married. She lives in California. Ross, a Christian minister, and his wife had five children. One was killed in war.

Lou, a teacher, married John William Fenimore Cooper. They lived in Missouri and Colorado. Their son, Elven, is an M.D., retired from the army, living in St. Louis. His older son is a doctor, the other an attorney. Mable married Victor Veatch and lives in Denver.

James married Mary Jeannette Carpenter. Three children died in infancy. Those surviving are: Blanche Burford, living in Smithton, who has two children, Edith Martensen and Charles, living on their home place. Edith had four children.

Elbert married Ophelia Mothersbaugh. He was a teacher and farmer. Their three daughters, all teachers, were: Gladys, now deceased, Bessie Gottschalk of Knob Noster, who has three children, and Beatrice on her father's home place, Florence.

William R. married Jennie McNeil. Their son, William, died at birth. Kathleen and husband Alvin Phillips live on her father's home place, Florence.

Four grandchildren of William Evans now live in Morgan County, as mentioned above: Beatrice, Charles, Edith, and Kathleen. Edith's daughter, Vera Kindrick, near Glensted, is the only great-grandchild living in the county. Vera's daughter, Edna Lee Wright, has recently had a home built nearby. Edith's grandson, Wayne Jeffress, has a motorcycle shop and auto body repair business in Syracuse, assisted by his son, Rex, making eight generations of the George-Evans family to live in Morgan County. *by Kathleen Evans Phillips*

## W.R. EVANS

William Robert Evans was born at Florence, Mo. Feb. 20, 1858, the eldest son of William and Eliza Jane Giles Evans. His father's parents, born in Wales, had come to Morgan County from Ohio about 1840.

W.R. and Jennie S. Evans in front of their home - 1900

At the age of eleven, much of the burden of farm work fell on him and his younger brothers when his father lost an arm in a threshing machine accident.

As a young man he and his brother, George, and later James, "went west" like so many young men of that day, working on ranches in Nevada and Colorado. On returning to Missouri, he farmed. He lived the rest of his life in Morgan County, except some five years in Sedalia. He was assessor of Morgan County for a term, being elected in 1895.

He married (Jan. 18, 1899) Jennie S. McNeil, a teacher, daughter of Peter Patterson and Sarah Jane Elston McNeil of Otterville. He brought his bride to the newly-built house on his farm near Mt. Olive Baptist Church. They were members of that church. Their first-born child, William Patterson, was born and died Dec. 19, 1902. Their daughter, Kathleen Lulu, was born Oct. 30, 1904. W.R. died Apr. 15, 1924.

Kathleen and her husband, Alvin E. Phillips, also a native of Morgan County, to whom she was married Sept. 7, 1932, live on her father's home place, in the original house. As evidence of the changing times, it is interesting to note that on this farm there are at least six sites of former homes (as well as one vacant house still standing), and one schoolhouse, which was in existence in 1833, also two small burying grounds, now indistinguishable from the surrounding landscape, as the graves are unmarked. *Submitted by Kathleen Evans Phillips*

## JOHANN HINRICH FAJEN

Johann Hinrich Fajen (1833-1914) Son of Herman Fajen, Reehsum, Ottersburg, Hannover, Germany and Rebecca born Bohling, Taaken in Ottersburg came to the U.S. sometime before October 15, 1855, landing in Charleston, South Carolina. Johann proceeded to Walhalla, South Carolina, where his brother Herman was one of the founders of this cooperative community. Another brother, August Claus Hinrich, who later settled in Cole Camp, Benton County Missouri, also came.

Johann joined the confederate army April 26, 1862. At one time he was reported killed, because of his company being entirely wiped out, with the exception of three members, including Johann. His captors were preparing to kill these last three men when an Englishman, serving as a Union officer, rode up and prevented the execution. At times, his army food ration consisted of an ear of corn for a day. Sgt. Johann Fajen was captured near Petersburg May 9, 1864, released May 24, 1864, from Point Lookout, Maryland. Joined U.S. forces the same day.

April 9, 1865 ... Johann returned to Walhalla, where he learned his fiancee, Anna Maria Holsten (1841-1916) (who came from Taaken, Hannover to U.S. about 1864), had given him up as lost in battle and moved to Missouri. Johann traveled to Missouri, and found Anna Maria working in a hotel in Sedalia. They married November 5, 1866 and about 1870 moved to Stover, Missouri, where Johann farmed and did carpenter work. Five sons and two daughters. All were Missouri Synod Lutherans.

William H. Fajen (1867-1950) married Rosina C. Fischer (1869-1949). One of the founders of Stover, where he started a lumberyard, had interest in the Fajen Motor Company, Stover Telephone Exchange, Fajen Oil Company and a director of the Farmers Bank. They adopted Anna and Viola.

Katherina M. Fajen (1868-1961) married Peter C. Ehlers (1866-1939). They ultimately moved to Twin Falls, Idaho and operated a farm. Children; Edwin, Emil, Walter, Pauline, Otto and Edgar.

John Louis Fajen (1870-1945) married Minnie Brandt (1872-1957). They settled in Stover where he operated an extensive orchard, bee, and poultry farm, was active in the lumber business, Fajen Motor Company, Fajen wholesale oil business and was one of the Fajen Brothers managers of several self-crew threshing operations in Saline and Lafayette counties. Children; Ella, Hulda, Charley, Erna, Albert, Paul and Richard.

Henry G. Fajen (1873-1928) married Rosa F. vonFreimann (1873-1967). He had a blacksmith shop in Blackburn Missouri and was active in the threshing business and Fajen Oil Company. Children; Lourina, Esther, Walter, Helen, Eleonore and Johanna.

Anna R. Fajen (1876-1911) married John Fred Meyers (1872-1958), farmer southwest of Stover. Children; Harry and Hugo.

Herman P. Fajen (1879-1949) married Anna Meyer (1877-1905). In 1907 he married Marella Marie Goetze (1882-1931). They adopted Lillie Dell and later Roma with her two brothers Burl and Roy. In 1934 he married Margaret (Mrs. Mefford). Herman came to Stover in its early years. At one time cashier of the Stover Bank, manager of the Stover Mercantile. In 1932 he bought and operated tourist cabin camp in Twin Falls, Idaho, a forerunner of the modern day Motel.

Otto J. Fajen (1881-1958) married Alma Goetze (1884-1921). Children; Cornelius, Reinhart and Alma Marie. In 1924 he married Magdalena Wittrock (1896- ). Children Otto Fredrich and John Herman. As a young man he helped build the Rock Island Railroad through Morgan County. Early in the history of Stover, he became involved in the lumber business. He was also active in the threshing business, Stover Mercantile Company, Fajen Oil Company and Fajen Motor Company. *by Reinhart Fajen*

## JAMES EDWARD (CUB) FAULWELL

James Edward (Cub) Faulwell was born October 26, 1866 on a farm between Syracuse and Florence. Eliza Alice Steele, oldest daughter of Green and Alice Homan Steele, was born on a neighboring farm July 31, 1869. They were married May 29, 1889.

Children of Johann Hinrich Fajen
*Back row, l to r:* Louis, William, Otto, Anna and Katherine; *Front row:* John, Marie, Henry and Herman.

James Edward Faulwell and Family

They were the parents of eight children. All were born within the same vicinity of their parents' birth. The children were Bessie Lee, Cora Mae, Perla Belle, William Edward, John Walker, Lue Alice, Bloom Richard and Harry Milton. The last two named are the only ones living.

Bessie Lee was a polio victim before she was a year old. She always walked with a crutch.

Cora Mae, married Benjamin Fred Zimmerschied January 16, 1910. Their children were Blanche, Willie, Harold, Raymond, Leota and twins, June and Junior.

Perla Belle was the wife of James Wesley Decker. Their parents lived on neighboring farms.

William Edward married Clara L. Hatfield. Their three children were Ophelia, Wade Leslie (deceased) and William Dean. William Edward was killed by a train December 28, 1936.

John Walker remained on the farm of his parents until his death of cancer May 25, 1944.

Lue Alice died of diptheria November 6, 1905.

Bloom Richard married Genevieve Bond. Their two sons are Bond Richard and James Arthur. Bloom lives near Sedalia.

Harry Milton married Pearl Williams. They lived on a farm near Otterville.

James Edward Faulwell died September 23, 1938. His wife, Eliza, died October 30, 1945. Both were born, lived and died within the same community. They are buried in Mount Olive Cemetery near the graves of their parents and four children. There are no living descendants in Morgan County.

## RICHARD AND SUSAN ANN COX FAULWELL

Richard and Susan Ann Faulwell came to Morgan County as a young married couple in 1865. Both had lost their first companions and small children with cholera while living in Franklin County, Missouri.

Roland Faulwell left Virginia about 1840. His son, Richard was born in a covered wagon in Indiana, November 10, 1842. They journeyed on through Illinois where the family became separated by the Civil War. Susan's parents, Hardin and Martha Brown Cox, were married in Morgan County in 1838. The 1860 census stated Hardin came from Kentucky while Martha was born in Missouri. Susan was born in Morgan County, November 9, 1843.

The children born to Richard and Susan Faulwell were, James Edward (Cub), Charles, Albert, Molly, Docia, Mattie, Fannie and Henry Elmer.

James Edward married Eliza Alice Steele and their children were, Bessie Lee, Cora Mae, Perla Belle, William Edward, John Walker, Bloom Richard and Harry Milton.

Charles married Anna Brauer. They had one son Ephod, whose daughter, Mrs. James Mayfield, lives near Otterville, Missouri.

Albert married Molly Cardell and their children were Leslie, Marvin Richard, Eula and Albert Jr. She died at Albert Jr.'s birth and he was reared in the Jacob Blount family. Marvin's son, Dr. Richard Faulwell, is a dentist in Independence, Mo. Albert Jr. is deceased, but his family lived in the state of California.

Molly married Jacob Blount and their one son Ray, drowned as a young man.

Docia was the wife of Will Decker. Their two children were Ricie and Nadine. Ricie is deceased and Nadine lives in Wheatland, Missouri.

Mattie married Samuel Perkins. They were the parents of Buford, Lydith, Estill, Cammie, Lora, Robert, Everett, Martha and Eva. Martha married Boyd Maloney and is the only grandchild known to be living in Morgan County.

Fannie married John Hayden and had one daughter, Frances, who preceded her in death and left no children.

Elmer married Elizabeth Rogers and had one daughter Pauline who is now Mrs. Raymond Terry of Warrensburg, Missouri. He later married Kathryn Adams and their daughter, Susan is Mrs. Lynn Anderson of N. Kansas City, Missouri.

Susan Cox Faulwell died January 2, 1907. Her husband, Richard, died February 1, 1918. Both are buried in Mount Olive Cemetery near Syracuse, Missouri. They lived and reared their family within a mile of their burial place.

## FRANK DUDLEY FIELDS

Frank Dudley Fields, Sr., son of Lucretia Catherine Cook and Charles Sylvester Fields, came from Marshfield, Mo. to Camden County, Mo. He grew up at Marshfield and at Linn Creek, married Laura Belle Faust on Sept. 14, 1913.

Their children were: Charles Thomas, b. April 6, 1914-d. Jan. 18, 1969. Burlee, b. April 11, 1916-d. Oct. 1916; Maxine, b. Aug. 27, 1917 (had three children); Anna Irene, b. Dec. 10, 1919 (had three children); Lessie Lorene, b. Jan. 3, 1922 (had two children); Hazel, b. Feb. 12, 1925 (had one daughter); Eva Grace, b. April 13, 1927 (had three children); William Franklin, b. Mar. 14, 1929 (had four children); Kenneth, b. Aug. 11, 1931 (had three children); Henry Lee, b. April 18, 1933 (had five children); Roberta Ilene, b. July 13, 1936 (had two children); Mary Evelyn, b. May 19, 1938, d. June 4, 1940; Frank Dudley, Jr., b. June 15, 1940 (had five children.)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dudley Fields, Sr.

Frank Dudley Fields and his wife, came to Morgan County in 1945 and settled on a farm near Excelsior. In 1923 he became an employee of old Missouri State Highway 5 commission, Dist. 5 as maintenance patrolman's helper and worked for two years.

At that time most of the power for surface maintenance was furnished by teams. Frank was required to furnish three horses for power. When he was given a longer patrol Mar. 1, 1926 and a heavier grader another horse was added, making up a 4-up team patrol. He disposed of his horses in Oct., 1931 and operated a power grader and truck. On Jan. 1, 1946 his title was changed to maintenance at Versailles and he continued in that capacity.

He was awarded his 25-year certificate and button in Nov., 1948.

He died Oct. 1, 1954 and she died Aug. 30, 1977. Both are buried in the Versailles Cemetery. They had 62 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Their son, Kenneth, married Joann Elaine Wilborn June 8, 1951. Their children are Kenny Joe, Mar. 15, 1952; Vicki Lynn, Mar. 5, 1954; Steven Eugene, Oct. 6, 1960. Kenny Joe married Sanda Chadwick Dec. 2, 1977. Vicki and Steven live at home.

Kenneth and Joann live on a farm east of Versailles and he has been employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for thirty years.

The Fields children still living in Morgan County are Kenneth, Hazel (Davis), William Franklin, Frank Fields, Jr. and Henry, of Versailles.

## CARL G. FISCHER

Near the end of World War I in Aug., 1918 Carl G. Fischer, his son, Richard H. Fischer and Fred Rapp, a realtor for Darby Bros., Boonville, Mo. arrived in Morgan County from north of Syracuse in a 1917 model Maxwell owned and driven by Rapp. They headed south on the old Butterfield Trail across the Little Richland Butterfield's first water hole enroute to San Francisco. They started looking for a white Baptist church (Mt. Carmel) and for Jim Peoples, who lived next to the 60-acre farm, which Darby Bros. was offering as part of consideration for Carl Fischer's General Merchandise Store at the corner at Pleasant Green, Cooper County, Mo.

Carl Fischer Family

They found Peoples, who directed them to the old Tipton and J.G. Todd places. There was an old clapboard covered house on the Tipton place. It had been acquired from John Sims by Priscilla and Larkin Tipton in Oct., 1867, who apparently built the house and raised a large family in it. At their death it was sold at auction to one of her daughters, Cora, who married Elbert Sims, owned and lived in it until about 1909. J.C. Todd owned the north 40 acres for 40 years until his death in 1890 when administrator, John Sims sold it to William Symington. Darby had acquired both tracts and sold it to Carl Fischer Aug. 22, 1918. Carl was thirty years old and his son, ten, when they came to Morgan County.

Carl Fischer carried the mail and worked on a surveying gang until 1921 when he bought a new Model T Ford roadster and put a box on it and operated the first motorized grocery delivery service, for E. Thompson of Sedalia, where they moved in 1922.

In about 1927 Carl Fischer bought a well-drilling rig and drilled wells in Pettis and Cooper counties. The Katy railroad would load his rig on a flatcar and have wells drilled along their line. He brought the machine to Morgan County and drilled his own well and two others, including one for Bill Hubbard and one in Syracuse.

After his second marriage he moved to his Morgan County farm in about 1937, where Carl M. was born Oct. 10, 1939. In the spring of 1946 he rented the house and garden to a widow named Mrs. Harp and moved on the Grand River in Benton County, where he operated a farm for his brother-in-law, until he retired and returned to his home in Morgan County. He died Aug. 18, 1965.

Richard H. Fischer and his wife, Jean, being displaced by the Harry S. Truman Dam and reservoir, on Grand River in Benton County, bought out the three remaining heirs, Carlene, Ruth and Carl M. and moved to the place in March, 1974. Twenty-two more acres of land were acquired, they built a new sectional home, machine shed, fishing lake and deep well water system and, as senior citizens, hope to live out their life there.

The life of Carl G. Fischer is reflected in the following verse: "And now this is his only monument" the scraggly apple orchard bent upon the south. And this he planted that he might be recalled by slanted boughs against a windy sky. Measured and remembered by No words upon a bitter stone, Now that he lies at last alone; But by apple blossoms blowing into a sky where the moon is going, He sleeps here soundly and content, With beauty for his monument. *by Richard H. Fischer*

## HENRY FISCHER

Henry Fischer was born May 10, 1837. Henry and his parents came from Breman, Germany and settled in Old Stover. His father, Fredrick Fischer farmed and the farm has been in the Fischer family for four generations.

Whilemena Fischer Family
*Seated:* Whilemena Fischer; *Standing;* Whilemena, Ernestine, Emma, Fred, Henry, Theodor.

Henry married Whilemena Tagtmeyer, daughter of William Tagtmeyer. Whilemena and her brother Bill came with their parents from Germany. Her mother died on the way over and was buried at sea. Whilemena is a half sister of Louis Tagtmeyer.

Theodor Fischer Family
*Front row, l to r:* Leo, Walter, Henry, Irene, Paula, Reneta, Lorena, Paul; *Back:* Theodor and Pauline.

The first Lutheran Church Services at Old Stover were held in a log cabin at the home of Henry and Whilemena Fischer.

Henry and Whilemena had nine children. Fred was born in 1864, the only one of their children born in the log cabin. He married Sophia Koehring. Whilemena (Minnie) married Fred Wiechert. They had two children. Laura (Koester) and Emil who drowned in a cistern. Wilhelm was born April 9, 1871. He jumped into a pitch fork and died from blood poisoning July 21, 1881. Emma Dorothea was born October 18, 1873 and died August 9, 1938. She married Herman Wacker. Henry Herman was born August 19, 1876 and died May 16, 1947. He married Emma Witte. Ernastine Marie was born December 27, 1878 and died January 6, 1958. She married George Wiec-

hert. Wilhelm L. was born September 14, 1881 and died December 8, 1881. Theodor Herman Heinrich Fredrick was born November 25, 1882 and died January 13, 1959. He married Pauline Karoline Kathrine Nolting. Louis H. was born July 21, 1885 and died August 2, 1886.

Theodor and Pauline were married November 15, 1906. She was born August 23, 1882, the daughter of Fred and Karoline Loges Nolting. Fred came with his parents from Hanover, Germany. Karoline Loges was also of German descent. They settled in the Nolting Community and were members of the Nolting Lutheran Church. Theodor and Pauline had nine children.

Leo was born August 5, 1907 and married Agnes Viebrock. They had three children; Joann was born July 2, 1936 and died August 3, 1936. Leroy was born May 17, 1938 and died July 3, 1973. Burton Paul was born March 13, 1949 and died March 15, 1949. Leo and Agnes live in Stover.

Walter was born May 27, 1909 and died July 7, 1970. He married Augusta Viebrock. They had one child, Delores (Waisner). Gusta lives in Stover.

Arthur was born January 29, 1911 and died April 9, 1919 from influenza.

Henry was born July 12, 1913. He married Viola Fajen. They had two children, Myron and Karen (Wilson). Henry and Viola live on the home place west of Stover, Missouri.

Irene was born December 11, 1914. She married Herbert Uftring. They had six children; Gary, Danny, Ronald, Ricky, Kathy and Herbert Paul. Irene and Herbert live in Minonk, Illinois.

Paula was born September 3, 1917. She married Melvin Fischer and they lived on a farm north of Stover. They had five children; Jacqueline (Eifert), Beverly (Schroeder), Melvin Charles who was born August 13, 1946 and died April 27, 1947, Barbara (Hohman) and Sheryl (Heisterberg). Melvin died June 22, 1978.

Renata was born June 6, 1920. She married Walter Ehlers. They had three children, Judith (Schuermann), Joyce (Marriott) and Rita (Barron). Walter and Renata live on a farm south of Stover.

Lorena was born August 3, 1923 and married Vernon Koester. They had four children; Vernon Lyle, Rosalyn, Ted and Randall. Lorena and Vernon live in Sedalia.

Paul was born September 3, 1925. He married Julia Ditzler and they live in St. Charles, Missouri. *by Renata Ehlers*

## MYRTLE FANNY FISHER

Myrtle Fanny (Fisher) an elderly Morgan County lady, is great-granddaughter of Fanny (Kline) Parker. Fanny Parker had a most unique, historic life. She had the distinction of being the oldest inhabitant of Guernsey County, Ohio, having reached the age of 100 years, nine months and four days. Before her marriage to the late John Parker, she lived in the eastern coast. Fanny loved to recall the days of the pioneers and the early Republic. She had the honor of being one of the thirteen little girls dressed in white who upon the death of President Washington marched around the hero's resting place and cast sprays of evergreens upon his coffin.

Fanny Parker's daughter, Suzanna, married William McCoy. After William McCoy died in the Civil War on the Union side, Suzanna received literature from the state of Missouri. Missouri was pictured as a most beautiful, scenic state. She moved to Morgan County, Haw Creek vicinity, with her three grown children, John, George, and Salona. One daughter, Mary, was already settled and married to Mr. Parker. Salona met and married Fredrick G. Fisher. Fredrick had come to Morgan County from Germany at the age of twelve. Fredrick and Salona had seven children, four died in infancy. Myrtle Fanny was the youngest of the seven children. Myrtle Fanny married Joe Smith, also from Morgan County. They had one child, Hazel (Biggs).

Presently, Myrtle Fanny is a resident of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles, Missouri.

## JOHN FLOTTMAN

John Flottman was born in St. Louis in 1864. His mother died when he was a very small child. His older sister, Mrs. Christopher Temme, took him to live in her home. Although John was a grown young man when the Temme family moved to Morgan County; he soon followed the family to live with them in their home in Morgan County.

John Flottman

Alice (Phillips) Flottman

John was married to Alice Phillips March 4, 1897. Alice was the daughter of Thomas Jefferson Phillips and Diademma Gott Phillips and the granddaughter of William Phillips and Lucinda Colburn Phillips. William Phillips was born in Kentucky and served in the War of 1812. He fought in the Battle of New Orleans under Andrew Jackson. He mustered out of the army at New Orleans in 1815. Instead of returning to Kentucky after leaving the army, he and his brother Joseph came to Missouri and settled in Moniteau and Morgan Counties. Lucinda Colburn came to Missouri from Virginia.

After marriage, John and Alice Flottman lived on a farm in Moniteau County. To them four children were born: William Thomas, Oleta Alice, Michal Diademma, and Ethel LaDean. LaDean was born six months after her father's death.

John Flottman died July 24, 1902. After her husband's death, Alice remained on their farm for a few years; and then built a hotel in Barnett and moved there in 1906. At that time they were still working on the Rock Island Railroad so there were many railroad workers that boarded at the hotel. Since there were no automobiles at that time, the traveling salesmen that called on the three general stores, the hardware store, the lumber yard and the furniture store of Barnett came in on a train one day, stayed over night at the hotel, and left on a train the next day; so a hotel was necessary in small towns. The hotel was sold to Henry Windler in 1916. Alice lived in Barnett until her death, October 10, 1929.

William married Neville Frances Elley, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Elley. William and Neville had one son, William Halcyon, born February 4, 1923 and died April 10, 1930. They lived all their married life, with the exception of six months spent in California, in Morgan County. William was the first Conoco oil distributor in Morgan County. For fifteen years he operated the Flottman Hardware Store, the International Harvester implement business, and also sold Studebaker cars and trucks in Versailles.

William died October 16, 1961 and Neville died February 11, 1966.

Oleta taught school two years in Morgan County. She then worked as bookkeeper in the Bank of Barnett until it was closed in 1931. She worked as bookkeeper for Flottman Hardware and Implement for 16 years. She served as clerk for the Morgan County Health Center from the time it was organized until she retired in 1973. Oleta has been active in Morgan

County volunteer work — serving as an active worker for the Morgan County Cancer Society for more than fifteen years, and treasurer of the Morgan County Red Cross for eighteen years.

Michal received her Bachelor's Degree from, what is now called, Central Missouri University, did graduate work at Missouri University, Columbia and at Washington University. She taught school eight years in Missouri, sixteen years in Sidell Township High School, Sidell, Illinois and fifteen years in Belleville Township High School and Junior College, Belleville, Illinois. Although she taught thirty-one years in Illinois, she always maintained Barnett as her voting place and always considered it home. She has been active in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International and The American Association of University Women for more than thirty years. Since retirement, she has also been active in clubs in both Barnett and Versailles.

LaDean received her Bachelor's degree from Central Missouri University. She taught school three and one-half years in Missouri and then went to Browning, Montana to teach in a Government Indian Boarding School. At Browning, she met John P. Drissen, a government forester, and they were married in 1934. After marriage they were located at Fort Hall, Idaho, for four years, then at Cheyenne Agency, South Dakota, for nineteen years, and, finally, at New Town, North Dakota, where John died March 15, 1960.

After John's death, LaDean returned to Morgan County where she built a home in Versailles. She is an active member in the Eldon Branch of The American Association of University Women and is active in the Presbyterian Church of Versailles, even though she is a member of the Episcopalian Church. She is also active in the Morgan County Historical Society, The Hawthorne Literary Society and the Versailles and Barnett Garden Clubs.

## ELAIS FOLEY

Elais Foley came to Missouri in 1869 from Danville, Ky. He bought 120 acres of land five miles south of Tipton, Mo. in the Hickory Grove School district from his father-in-law, Richard Cook. Grandma Foley's name was Elizabeth Cook.

There were four children born to them, one boy and three girls. Sarah Ann, married Henry Bowen; Janie married Bill Sousley; Lizzie married Johnny Snorgrass, and the son, James M. Foley. James M. Foley and Elizabeth are buried in Newkirk Cemetery southeast of Fortuna, Mo.

James M. Foley was born in 1852 in Kentucky and was 17 years old when he came to Missouri with his father, Elais Foley. In 1875 he bought 10 acres of land from his father-in-law, Charlie Bowen, built a house and moved there. This was near what is known as West View School and was owned and lived on by a member of the Foley family for 100 years.

James Foley's first wife was Sallie Bowen. One daughter, Minnie, was born to them. After they both died James Foley married Jennie James, who was raised by her grandfather, Abraham James, and lived near Green Grove school. Their three sons were Edgar (deceased), Elmer and Amandus.

Later Abraham James moved about six miles south of Versailles, Mo. and started a mill, operated by water from a large spring and ground meal and flour. This settlement was called "Millville" and at this location the first courthouse in Morgan County was built, and the first court was held.

Elmer Foley now lives with his daughter, Melva Fowler, at Otterville, Mo. *by Melva Foley Fowler*

## RUDOLPH FORDERHASE

Rudolph A. Forderhase was born in Franklin County, near Berger, Mo., on April 14, 1895, the son of Henry A. and Lena Kropp Forderhase. The family farm was part of a half-section of land acquired by Henry's father, Rudolph Forderhase, who immigrated to Missouri in the early 1830's from Tecklandberg County, Germany. Lena was the eldest daughter of August H. Kropp, who immigrated to Missouri in 1860 from Lippe-Detmold, Germany.

Within a year, the Civil War broke out in this country and Kropp saw three years of service in the Union Army, under Gen. George Thomas, after doing a six-month's stint with a Missouri cavalry unit.

After several floods of the Missouri River in the early 1900's, Henry A. Forderhase sold his farm in 1907 and bought 232 acres in the Cherry Grove community of Howard County. This land remained in the family for half a century.

Rudolph Forderhase was educated in rural schools of Franklin and Howard counties and Central Academy, Central College, Fayette. He farmed with his father until World War I, when he served in Company I, 356th Infantry, 89th Division, from Sept. 20, 1917, to June 10, 1919.

After the war, Rudolph took over operation of the family farm. He became interested in breeding Shorthorn cattle and developed a line of polled (hornless) shorthorns. He married Virginia Arbuckle on Nov. 9, 1926. Virginia was the youngest daughter of Andrew Alexander Arbuckle and Mary Wright Estill Arbuckle. She was educated in the rural schools of Howard County, New Franklin High School, William Woods College and the University of Missouri. She taught in rural schools of Howard County.

The first Arbuckle to arrive in North America came to Virginia colony in 1749, with a grant from King George II for 400 acres of land on the James River. Four of his sons served in the War for Independence. Andrew Alexander Arbuckle was born in 1847, near Lewisburg, W. Va. He was enrolled in Virginia Military Institute in 1863, and fought with his fellow cadets at the Battle of Newmarket. After the Civil War, while living in Richmond, Ky., he married. Later, he moved to Howard County, Mo.

On her mother's side, Virginia is descended from a Huguenot family that fled France after the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre in 1572. An Estill ancestor arrived in what is now New Jersey in 1664. The family increased in numbers and scattered to various places in the colonies. Estills served in Indian wars, in the Revolutionary War and Capt. James Estill was killed in Kentucky while pursuing a band of hostile Indians. In the Richmond, Ky., cemetery an unusual monument is erected to his memory. Later, descendants of the Kentucky family immigrated to Howard County, where John Hardin Estill and his younger brother, James Robert, settled land. When the MK&T railroad from New Franklin to Moberly was constructed, a station north of New Franklin was named "Estill." Estill land holdings lay on either side of the railroad. The old brick house where Virginia was born still stands north and west of the station. At the time, her father was foreman for her great-uncle, James Robert Estill. The Estill land was sold by descendants of James Estill.

During their years in Howard County, Rudolph Forderhase served as clerk of the local school district, on the board of New Franklin Methodist Church, as commissioner of the local road district, on the Howard County Social Security Commission and the advisory committee of the Farmers Home Administration.

Rudolph and Virginia Forderhase returned to a lakefront home on the Gravois Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks in 1965. Rudolph, a history buff, is past president of the Morgan County Historical Society. Their children: John A. of Fayette and R. Eugene of Richmond, Ky. *Submitted by R.A. Forderhase*

## LESLIE FORSTER

Leslie Lancelot Forster was born April 18, 1878 in Hickory County, Mo. A twin brother, Emmet, died in 1923. Emmet married Lola Lacy and they had one son, Lacy, now of Baltimore.

Leslie Forster was the son of William Forster, who came to the United States from England, and Ella Mullineaux, who was born in Wisconsin.

Lone Jack School, Leslie Forester - teacher

William and Ellen had six children: Ella married Walt McCoy of Hickory County, Mo. (Ella was grandmother of Bob McCoy, "High Pockets", who started with Lee Mace on the Ozark Opera).

Effie married Ross Holst and they had one son, Nicholas (Nick) Forster Holst. (Nick and I joined the U.S. Navy in 1932).

Annie married Dave Kidwell and their one child was William F. Kidwell, who became a funeral director in Versailles.

Edward married Hattie Musick and their children were Robert Emmet, William Peter and Lance.

Annie Kidwell and her brother, Edward, drowned in the Osage River as they crossed it enroute to Pittsburg, Mo. to visit their sister, Ella.

Then came the twins, Leslie and Emmet Forster. Mattie, who was not Ellen's own daughter, was the daughter of her sister who died when Mattie was two years old, so Ellen was the only mother Mattie knew.

Mattie married Joe Kidwell, brother of William F. Kidwell's father and they had several children.

Leslie Forster taught in the rural schools of Morgan County for about 25 years, including Lone Jack, Fairview, Proctor, Ritchie, Locust, Wigwam and Bond.

Leslie married Matilda Isabelle Barber in 1910. She was the daughter of Rev. Isaiah and Talitha Huff Barber. Talitha was called "Tilla".

Leslie and Matilda had one son, Elmore, born July 29, 1912. He married Dorothy Corinne Dansel Dec. 27, 1936 at Jetmore, Kans. Their children are Donald Melvin, born Brooklyn Naval Hospital May 29, 1939 (married Rosalie Barnett and has one son, David Mark, born Dec. 20, 1963); Dottie Erma, born Dodge City, Kans. April 5, 1945, married Carl Grant, has two children, Mike, born Feb. 1, 1968 and Tamie, born Sept. 1, 1970.

John Leslie was born in Jacksonville Naval Air Station in Fla. Sept. 2, 1949, served in Vietnam and died in truck accident near Crocker, Mo. Oct. 14, 1978.

Lacy Forster had no male heir.

Donald Forster, a vo-ag teacher, has one heir, Mark.

Uncle Ed's son, Bill Forster, at this time (Feb., 1979) lives at Exeter, Calif. and has one son, Kenneth. Kenneth had five sons and one of them has a son named William.

Leslie Forster was well known in Versailles. He was a farmer, teacher and checker player. Two of his checker-playing friends were Clark Stover, Versailles jeweler, and Sam Morris, rural mail carrier, both now deceased. *by Melvin Elmore Forster*

## MATTIE FOWLER

Mattie Fowler was born in Morgan County June 1, 1877, daughter of Lige Jackson and Mariah Meadows.

Mattie Fowler

She was first married to Lige Richardson, who died. Later she married Wesley Fowler, who, for many years, drove old model cars for the late Dr. Wm. Well and Dr. Sam Newton on their house calls. He also died.

Mattie was born the year the Martin Hotel on North Monroe street was constructed. She was 12 years old when the Morgan County courthouse was built. When she was born Rutherford B. Hayes was president of the United States.

She worked for twenty years for the City Hotel in Versailles. Her son, William Jackson, a Chicago attorney, visits her on her birthdays.

Although she is now blind, she works at piecing quilts by feeling the needle and thread and quilt pieces. She is confined to her chair but her mind is still alert.

## ORA RICE FOXWORTHY

Ora Rice Foxworthy

Ora Rice Foxworthy's grandfather, Joseph Foxworthy and his wife Salema came from Kentucky to Morgan Co. in 1835. In May of 1836 James Andrew later known as Boze was born

to Joseph and Salema Foxworthy in Morgan County. James and his brothers and sisters were all raised there.

In James young adult-hood he met and married Miss Laura Belle O'neal the daughter of Thomas and Sarah O'neal of Morgan County. James and Laura lived and reared their family in Excelor or Missouri, also in Morgan County.

Then on the 4th day of January 1896 Ora Rice was born to James and Laura Foxworthy at Excelsor Mo. Ora and his nine brothers and sisters were raised there. In July 4, 1918 Ora Rice and Lois Agnes Deffenbaugh the daughter of Henry and Birdie Deffenbaugh of Moniteau Co. were married. ON the 18th of September of 1918 Ora was taken into the service and stationed in France.

Ora Rice spent the rest of his life as a farmer at Versailles Missouri, and reared a family of four sons and our daughters two of who died in childhood.

Their names were Andrew Jackson, Vencil Lee, Rosa Belle, Dorthy May, Mary Lou, and Oran Lee. The Children all attended Morgan County schools and members of Hopewell Union Church.

Then on August 23, 1969 Ora Rice Foxworthy passed away while at the home of his daughter in Fremont Nebraska. He was survived by his wife, three sons, three daughters, 25 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Ora was a retired farmer, veteran of World War I, and a member of Hopewell Union Church. Ora Rice Foxworthy's life's gone but his Name and all the Love he gave us lives on. *Rita Fay Beggs*

## WALTA GUNN FRANSE

Walta Gunn was born Oct. 20, 1887, in Versailles, the daughter of Gabriel M. Gunn (b. 1854-d. 1903), and Ella Douglas Thruston Gunn, (b. Mar. 19, 1851-d. Sept. 23, 1936.) She had two brothers, William Gregory Gunn (b. Mar. 25, 1885-d. Jan. 2, 1948) and Aubrey Jackson Gunn (b. Oct. 7, 1880-d. May 8, 1959) and a sister, Anna M. Gunn, who died at age 21.

*L to r:* Mrs. Coy Roberts and Mrs. Walta France.

She was married to Sid Franse, deceased.

They had one daughter, Mary Ella (b. Jan. 25, 1911).

Mary Ella was married Dec. 22, 1931 to Archie Lee Roark (b. Oct. 2, 1907) son of O.C. and Sudie Roark. They had two daughters, Janice Lee Roark Gibson, (b. Nov. 27, 1946) and Linda Jo Roark Wolz, (b. Nov. 22, 1949).

Janice Lee was married on Aug. 5, 1966 to William Calvin Gibson, Sr., (b. July 12, 1942). They had two children, William Calvin Gibson, Jr. (b. Aug. 18, 1967) and Jennifer Rebecca Gibson, (b. June 6, 1973).

Linda Jo was married Mar. 5, 1971 to Gary George Wolz (b. May 8, 1948). They had one son, Oliver Michael Wolz, (b. Sept. 30, 1971).

Walta Franse died Aug. 14, 1970 and was buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

She was a piano teacher in Versailles for many years and was organist at the Versailles Methodist Church for years. She was a member of an orchestra during the years her daughter was in high school, and often played accompaniment for vocal and instrumental solos. She clerked at the Cash Drug Store, owned by her brothers, Drs. W.G. Gunn and A.J. Gunn, for several years.

Music was Walta's life and her excellent services were in demand through the years she lived in Versailles before she suffered a stroke that impaired the use of her right hand. She moved to Jefferson City with her daughter and son-in-law, where she lived several years, until her death.

## WILLIAM FRENCH

The French family originated in South Carolina. William and Simon French were brothers in South Carolina. William died leaving a widow and seven children — Hugh, John, Jane, Sally, Hannah, Mary, and Susan. The widow and her children moved to Warren County, East Tennessee in 1795. Her son, Hugh, married his cousin, Sally French, daughter of Simon French, in Christian County, Kentucky and settled in Boone County, Missouri in 1820. His children were Simon L., William H., John N., Caroline M., Mary J., Susan A., Sarah J., and Emilie E.

John French, son of the first William, settled in Callaway County, Missouri in 1820. He married, first, Jane Clark of Montgomery County by whom he had William H., Bryant, Milton, and Sally A. His second wife was Isabella Dillard by whom he had Hugh, Thomas, and Lucy. Jane French married John Dutton, Sally French married Joseph Ellridge, Hannah French married Samuel Cox, Mary French married Isaac Clark of Montgomery County, Missouri, Susan French married Samuel McRunnels.

Simon French Sr. settled in Christian County, Kentucky. His children were Lewis, Pinckney, Andrew, William H., Isaac C., Sally, Susan, and Mary A. Lewis married Louisa Simpson of Montgomery County, Missouri and settled in Callaway County, Missouri in 1821. Pinckney was married first to Devonia Clark of Christian County. They had Henry, Isaac, Edward, and William. Pinckney married, second, Elizabeth Jones of Christian County, Kentucky and they had Albert and Virginia. Andrew J. French married Sally Townley. William H. French married Comfort E. Parks. Isaac French married Nancy Monroe. These three above all settled in Morgan County, Missouri. Sally married her cousin, Hugh French, son of the first William. Susan married Enon French of Morgan County, Missouri. Mary A. married Bell Mure of Christian County, Kentucky. William H. French and Comfort E. Parks were married the 29th of March 1836. Their children were Mary Elizabeth and Susan Ann.

Their father, William H. French, homesteaded the land they lived on near Marvin and some of the descendants lived on a part of it until recently.

Mary Elizabeth was married to George R. Price the 10th of January 1860. Susan Ann was never married.

Negro slaves owned by William H. French were Lucy, Jerry, Mary, Nathan, Elias, and Matilda. They are buried on the farm that William H. French owned near Marvin. *Lillie Heineman*

## ADAM FRIEDLY

Adam Friedly was born Oct. 6, 1855 in Centre Co., Penn., the son of Conrad and Philippine Friedly. He was a young boy of ten, when he came to Morgan Co. with his parents. On Sept. 5, 1880 he married Barbara Jane Berkstresser. She was

Adam Friedly and wife Barbara
*Back, L-r:* Edna, Walter and Ada Gertrude.

born Nov. 12, 1863 in Cambria County, Penn., the daughter of Catherine (Griffith) and William Wilhelm Berkstresser.

In 1883 they bought a farm 4 miles northwest of Versailles, on which they spent the remainder of their married life. They had four children; Edna, Walter, Adah Gertrude and Ila Russell.

Edna married Earnest E. Roberts of Versailles and had four children; Eula, who died as a small child; Fern, married Jess Nobles of Versailles, they had one daughter, Mrs. Goodson (Ileen) Merriott of Sedalia; Claude lived on the farm east of Versailles until his death; Fredrick (Ted), married Nora Morrison, they had two children, Mrs. Leo (Beatrice) Bennett, Versailles and Melvin Roberts of Kansas City, Ks.

Walter married Beulah Kerfoot and lived on the family farm for a number of years. They later moved to Otterville during their retirement years. They had six children; Mrs. Elmo (Ada Fern) Lutjen, now living at Lincoln; Adam, who died from an accident injury early in life; Mrs. Well (Elsie) Thompson of Knob Noster; Herchel of Otterville; Mrs. Paul (Arreta) Fowler of Milan; and Edgar of Sedalia, Mo.

Adah Gertrude married Fred C. Bohling and had five children; Burl of Perryton, Texas; Henry died in infancy; Vencil, was killed in service during World War II; Barbara lives in Kansas City, and Mrs. Bill (Ann) Gabriel lives at Versailles, Mo.

Ila Russell died at the age of six years. *by Barbara Bohling*

## CONRAD FRIEDLY

Conrad Friedly and wife Philippine arrived in Morgan County the early part of April 1866 from Zion, Penn. Their family at the time of arrival consisted of the following children, David 14, Adam 10, Gustavus 8, Phoebe 6, Lewis M. 5, Fred H. 3 and Edith, age three months. Conrad made his first land purchase of 20 acres on April 5, 1866. On June 25, 1866 he purchased 165 acres from James J. Morris. This farm was located northwest of Versailles near the old Ouachita coal mines.

Conrad, son of Lanbana Daubmann and George Jakob Friedly, was born Aug. 5, 1826 in Vorderweidenthal, Germany. Philippine Caroline, daughter of Margaretha Neuhand and Nicolaus Jochum, was born April 14, 1830 in Rumbach, Germany. The two families lived in the same area in Bavaria, Germany, both coming to America shortly after 1843 and settling in Centre County, Penn. They were married in Zion, Penn. on March 13, 1851.

After moving to Morgan County, Conrad farmed with the help of his sons. To help support his large family, Conrad opened a Tailoring Shop in Versailles. This fact being advertised in the Morgan County Banner newspaper of Aug. 4,

Mrs. Conrad (Philippine) Friedly

Conrad Friedly

1866. His first shop was located in the front room of the harness shop on the north side of the Public Square. Conrad and Philippine had one child after coming to Morgan Co. Caroline was born in July 1869 but lived only 8 months.

A double wedding was held in Sept. 1875 when their daughter, Phoebe Abigale Friedly, married Thomas E. Merriott and Ruby Ann Merriott married their son, David Friedly. The two couples made their home in Morgan county a number of years, later moving to Henry county. In 1878 Gustavus Friedly married Cordelia Beaty. They farmed northwest of Versailles for several years, then moved to Johnson county. They spent their later years in Henry county.

Conrad died suddenly in Feb. 1880 at 53 years of age. His wife, Philippine, stayed on the family farm after his death until all the remaining children at home were married. In Sept. 1880, Adam Friedly married Barbara Jane Berkstresser. They spent their married life on a farm north of Versailles. Edith Friedly married George Stuart in 1883. They farmed in this county for a number of years. Fred H. Friedly married Donnie Napier in Feb. 1885. They spent their entire married life on a farm west of Versailles. The remaining child at home, Lewis Max. Friedly, married Eliza Annie Rumans in April 1885. They lived on the family farm for a number of years, later purchasing land near by.

Mrs. Philippine Friedly spent her remaining years in the homes of her children, passing away in Nov. 1907 at the home of her son Lewis M. Friedly. She is buried at her husband's side in Mt. Nebo Cemetery, northwest of Versailles. *by Agnes (Friedly) Pace*

## FRED H. FRIEDLY

Fred H. Friedly married Donna Isabell Napier Feb. 16, 1885 in Morgan Co. Except for a few declining years they spent their entire married life on their farm northwest of Versailles. Fred H. Friedly was born in Zion, Penn. April 16, 1863. He came to Missouri at the age of 3, early in 1866, with his parents. Conrad and Philippine Friedly.

Fred and Donna Friedly were the parents of 12 children; William Carrol, Conrad Adam, Gabe Wadestel, Elizabeth Katherine, Ardelia Belle, Oscar Francis, Iva Ruth, Fredrick Charles, Aubrey Neil, Mary Magdalene, Nora Florence and Norma Ninenett.

Carrol married Georgia Moore who died early in their married life. Late in life he married Martha Otten. Carrol worked for the railroad for many years.

Conrad Adam, better known as Coon Friedly, married Audra Arnold Aug. 1913. Other than eight years spent in Colorado, their entire married life was spent on a farm near Versailles. Conrad A. Friedly bought the Fred H. Friedly farm after his fathers' death, spending his retirement there, and passed away on the farm where he was born. Conrad and Audra Friedly had six children; Albert Nelson, Ralph, Ada Clorene, Hazel Lucille, Ina Burton and Eugene Francis.

Gabe Wadestel passed away early in life.

Fred H. Friedly Family

Elizabeth Katherine married Oliver P. Huffman March 15, 1918. They were parents of nine sons; Cecil Oliver, Norman Cleo, Fredrick Thomas, Paul Gregory, Aubrey Lester, Donald Marion, Wade Wood, Ervin Earl and Vencil Nine. Elizabeth Katherine and her husband also raised their family on a farm near Versailles.

Ardelia Belle married Claud Pippen. After the death of her husband she has returned to Morgan County.

Oscar Francis married Opal Pams and they too have spent their life on a farm in Morgan County. They are the parents of 10 children; Raymond, Aubrey, William, Elroy, Paul Fredrick, Norma Jean, Donna, Shirley and twin boys, Donald and Derald.

Iva Ruth was married to Guy Grider.

Fredrick Charles married Dorothy Wetherill and they are the parents of five children namely; Charles David, Fred Harvey, Barbara Belle, Hannah Kay and Carrol Owen.

Aubrey Neil lived just a few years.

Mary Magdelene lived one month and one day.

Nora Florence married Otto Kroeschen and she is a beautician living in Stover, Mo.

Norma Ninenett lived four years eleven months and 24 days.

Fred H. Friedly passed away April 5, 1950. His wife Donna preceded him in death on April 21, 1949 at the home of their daughter, Nora Kroeschen. Fred H. and Donna Friedly and six of their children are at rest in Mt. Nebo Cemetery not far from the graves of his parents, Conrad and Philippine Friedly.
*by Ada Friedly*

## LEWIS MAXIMILIAN FRIEDLY

Lewis Maximilian Friedly and Eliza Annie Rumans were married April 14, 1885 in Morgan Co. Mo. They started their married life on the Friedly home place northwest of Versailles. Lewis Max. was born in Zion, Penn. May 2, 1861 and came to Missouri in early 1866 with his parents, Conrad and Philippine Friedly. Eliza Annie was born in Arrow Rock, Mo. Dec. 24, 1862, the daughter of Sarah E. (Potter) and Anthony Sims Rumans.

Lewis Maximilian Friedly Family

Lewis Max. and Annie Friedly were parents of seven children namely; Lora, Lewis Conrad, Anthony Walker, John David, Bessie and Arthur. Their youngest child, Myrtle, died at age 11 months. They lived in Morgan county until 1920, when they moved to rural Windsor, Mo. Lewis Max. passed away in Jan. 1927, and is buried in Mt. Nebo Cemetery northwest of Versailles. Annie spent the remainder of her life in the homes of her married children. She passed away May 1936 and is also buried at Mt. Nebo.

Lora married Shird Davis in Windsor, Mo. and stepmother to his five children; Clarence, Florence, Phoebe, Elva and Alta. Their maternal grandparents were Phoebe A. (Friedly) and Thomas E. Merriott.

Lewis Conrad married Orpha Merriott, Jan. 1913 in Stover. They were parents of three children; Russell, now living in Iowa; Hellen, married Eugene Browning of Ionia, Mo. and Elva of Kansas City. After Orphas' death, Conrad married Myrtle Miller. They were parents of four children, one dying

in infancy. Living children are Claude of Illinois; L.D. now of Butler, Mo. and Ross, living in Blackburn, Mo.

Anthony Walker married Cora Hinkle in 1912. They were parents of two children; Lewis Walker, who married Mildred Imler of Barnett, Mo. They now live in Kansas City. Their one daughter, Lynda Osborne lives in Blue Springs. Agnes Wilma married Fred V. Pace of Gravois Mills and their home is in rural Versailles. They are parents of four children; Mary of St. Louis, Jean of Jefferson City, Bill of Tipton and John of Kingsport, Tenn. Anthony Walker was accidently killed in the Ouachita Coal Mine northwest of Versailles in Dec. 1919. His widow still has her home in Versailles.

John David married Josephine Browning in 1918 in Versailles. Their four children are John D. Jr. of Ionia; Iola, married to J.E. Mullins of Independence, Mo. Dorothy, who died at age ten, and Clarence of Sedalia, Mo.

Bessie married John R. Way; their one daughter, Elizabeth, married Wallace Meyers of Green Ridge, Mo.

Arthur married Blanche Gehrs of Stover in 1920. Their one son, Lloyd, of Stover married Lillie Warnke. One daughter was born to them, Margaret Ann, now Mrs. Charles Heberer of Illinois.

It has been one hundred twelve years since Lewis Maximilian arrived in Morgan county with his parents, Conrad and Philippine Friedly. Many of their descendants are still living in this county. *by Agnes (Friedly) Pace*

## JOHANN NICOLAS BENJAMIN FRISCH

Johann Nicolas Benjamin Frisch (1751-1805) married Sophia Seyffarth (1764-1827). Their son, Gottlieb Frisch (1788-1862), Colleda (near Berlin), Germany married Louisa M. Gerhardt (1793-1876). They had seven children and evidently this later family came to the U.S. about 1847. The children were:

Herman F. Frisch

Amelia (Schmidt) Frisch

Carl (1817-1872)

Louise (1818-1856) married Rothrock in California.

Herman F. (1820-1873) married Amalia M. Schmidt "Little Grandma" (1820-1905) of Debra, Germany. They had two sons and three daughters: Blanche married Pete Meyers; Clara (1850- ) married Kleg and had two children. She then married Charles Keck and had five children; Charles Herman married Maria Fritsche and had three children: Leo, Clarence, and Zora Winchester; Amelia (1847-1932) married Frederich Goetze (1840-1911) and had twelve children: Herman, Carlena, Otto D., John, Charles, Francis J., Mollie B., Lora R., Marela (Marie), Alma, Oskar L., and George Alexander; Gottlieb (1859- ) married Anna Feineman and had five children.

Pauline (1823- ) married Christopher Arnold.

Theresa (1827-1881) married Fred Guenther (1823-1887). They had thirteen children: Augusta Marguerita, Jeanetta Alimo, Fred Herman, Louise Marie, Herman Fredrich, Carl Albert, Theresa Christine, William Andrew, Benjamin G., Pauline Theodisa, Gottlieb George (father of Elmer Guenther), Gustave Adolph and Bertha Marie.

Gottlieb (1829- ) died in California.

Benjamin Gottlieb (1835-1901) married Margaret Neichborn. His second wife was Margret Anna (G) Keisling (1838-1895). They had ten children: Mollie married Herman Fajen, Josephine married Edward Dawson, William married Maggie Pohl, Fred married Lucy Schumaker, Lewis married Maggie (Pohl) Frisch, John married Doshie Berry, Louisa married Conrad Meyer, Henry married Rose Cheshakia (second wife, Dora Swearngin), Anna married Nicholas Call, and Benjamin married Dora Failer.

Not long after arriving in this country Herman F. Frisch and his wife Amalia came to southwest Morgan County and bought a grain and powder mill from Joseph Byler. The mill was powered by a 16 foot wheel with water from the large spring. About 1970 this wheel was moved to Silver Dollar City, Mo. and installed in their grain grinding exhibit. Herman also operated a whiskey distillery. The mill was the only one in the area and served people living in Cooper, Pettis, Benton and Morgan counties. Some travelled as much as sixty miles to get their grain ground into meal or flour and no doubt to replenish their supply of whisky at about $1.00 a gallon. During the Civil War, the Frisch mill and distillery supplied meal and whisky to different combatants ... North, South and Bushwackers. Maybe his life was spared since they needed his supplies. Bylers Mill, as the settlement was known, was served by the Overland Stage Company (formed in 1859) on its way from Syracuse, Missouri through Florence, on its way to California. As Herman's sons, Charles Herman and Gottlieb, grew up they became involved in the business and carried on until 1912.

The Frisches also operated a general store and blacksmith shop at this location known as Bylers Mill. They owned about 600 acres in Morgan and nearby Benton County. In 1877 a U.S. Post Office was established here and sometime later Charles became Postmaster, to serve for many years.

The Frisches were staunch Republicans and around the turn of the century they sponsored political rallies and all day picnics with speeches, games, contests, band music and other entertainment. As many as 1,000 would be in attendance. People from Sedalia, Versailles, Benton County and surrounding areas would drive many miles by horseback and wagons to be there.

Many of the descendants settled in Benton County.

## HENRY FUEHRING

Henry F. Fuehring was born on April 28, 1839. He was a native of Gieum, Amtzeven, Hanover, Germany, and came to America with his parents when he was six years old (1845). His parents were Peter and Margaret Fuehring. They came by way of New Orleans and settled in western Morgan County in the area of present-day Stover. Henry Fuehring is believed to have been a Union soldier during the Civil War and participated in the battle of Lexington, Mo.

Caroline Louise Sophia (Fischer) Fuehring was a native of Brok, Germany, where she was born May 12, 1846. She was the daughter of Fred and Sophie Fischer. They came to America before 1859. On August 24, 1866 Henry and Caroline were married by the Rev. J.M. Hahn of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Lake Creek. They lived on a farm near present-day Stover, and had seven children. Two boys died when quite young. The others were: John and Fred, both of whom moved to Emma, Mo. and Henry A., who lived on the home place. Also Wilhelmina (Minnie), who married Henry F. Wiechert, and Sophia who married George Ehlers, both residing north of Pyrmont.

Henry and Caroline Fuehring

Henry Fuehring died Dec. 3, 1912, and Caroline Fuehring died Jan. 3, 1931.

Grandchildren, of Henry and Caroline Fuehring living in the area are Mrs. Willie (Alvine) Viebrock of Cole Camp, and Lorenz Ehlers of Stover. They are the children of George and Sophia (Fuehring) Ehlers.

## EDWIN R. GARBER

Edwin R. Garber was born April 15, 1892 in Morgan County, Missouri. His parents were William M. Garber (September 28, 1859-August 20, 1950) and Maria P. Lehman Garber (November 6, 1859-July 9, 1935) of Swiss descent. On December 5, 1919 Edwin was married to Mary Elizabeth Diener at Cass County, Missouri. Her parents were Mose M. Diener (November 22, 1874-January 5, 1962) and Sarah Lena Raber Diener (August 17, 1877-February 5, 1958). They were of French and German descent. Ed was a successful farmer in the Bethel Mennonite Community. He was known to be outstanding in organizing his family to help with the farm work. He was active in both church and community. He died Sept. 22, 1951. His wife Elizabeth died Dec. 9, 1957.

To Ed and Elizabeth Garber were born 14 children, 13 who reached adulthood and are living today.

Raymond Clinton was born Dec. 30, 1920. On Feb. 1, 1942 he was married to Susanna Elizabeth Aeschbacher (Aug. 5, 1916). Raymond is a well known businessman in Versailles. He operates the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home with his son, Gary. Sue Annette was born Jan. 3, 1950 and married to Larry Lee Akin Aug. 7, 1971. Their daughter Ashley Suzanne was born Oct. 23, 1977. Gary Ray was born Aug. 14, 1953 and married to Diane June Garrison May 1, 1976.

Robert Lee was born Feb. 24, 1922. On June 1947 he was married to Vera Palmer (Sept. 21, 1925). Robert is a laboratory technician and lives in North Carolina. His son Robert Lee II was born Aug. 5, 1950 and married to Linda Wright Aug. 3, 1975. Their son Robert III was born Dec. 3, 1977. Fairy Faith was born Oct. 26, 1953 and married to Keith Hales (Nov. 27, 1953) on Nov. 28, 1971. Their son Kevin was born Sept. 17, 1976.

Pauline Ruth was born March 17, 1923. On June 10, 1949 she was married to Walter Wulff (Nov. 3, 1914). Walter has been a pastor of churches in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, and Wisconsin. A son Paul was born Aug. 3, 1950. He was married to Patty Hemphill (Oct. 24, 1949) on June 11, 1971. Their son Andrew was born April 18, 1973.

Ina Mae born March 27, 1925 and married to George McCormick (Sept. 19, 1922) on Feb. 18, 1954. Ina has done mission work in India for many years. Their two children are Karen (May 10, 1961) and Jenifer (June 27, 1963).

Dennis Tilman was born March 9, 1924. On Aug. 6, 1946 he was married to Marvelene Marie Senior (Sept. 3, 1925). Their children are: Denna Marie (Aug. 13, 1950) and married Dec. 13, 1969 to Steve Angle (March 10, 1948); Ronald Senior (June 1, 1953) and married June 16, 1973 to Marsha Lynn Dahl (Jan. 13, 1955); daughter Leslie Dawn (Nov. 17, 1976); Carol Beth (April 17, 1959) and married July 17, 1977 to Fred Ray Franken (March 10, 1955); Lisa (April 14, 1963).Dennis has made his home in Tipton and has been associated with Garber Motors for many years.

Edwin R. Jr. was born May 8, 1926 and married to Nadine Hofstetter (Jan. 29, 1928) on Sept. 6, 1947. Their daughter is Pamela Sue (Oct. 12, 1956). Ed has made his home in Tipton and has been operating Garber Motors for many years.

Homer Wayne was born June 17, 1928 and married to Twila Mae Hilty (March 9, 1936) on July 20, 1954. Their children are Stanley Allen (April 1, 1956) and married Oct. 21, 1978 to Karen Sue Loganbill (Oct. 8, 1955); Jerry Ray (April 19, 1956); Stephen James (June 17, 1964); Carla Kay (Nov. 2, 1967); Barry Wayne (Feb. 5, 1972). Homer lives on the home place and continues to operate a farm business there.

William Mose was born July 15, 1929 and married to Mary Kathleen Barbour (July 11, 1937) on Aug. 31, 1957. Their children are William Boyd (March 20, 1958) and Becky Dawn (Oct. 17, 1959). William has made his home near Kansas City and works as a mechanic at the airport for many years.

Norman Diener was born Dec. 2, 1930 and married to Frances Arletta Fulks (Dec. 5, 1933). Their children are Connie Sue (Nov. 15, 1952), Norman Randy (July 22, 1956) and Jerry Dean (June 14, 1960). Norman has been selling for Garber Motors in Tipton for many years. They have made their home near Latham.

Lena June was born Feb. 13, 1933 and married to Richard Lee Alexander (Oct. 14, 1935) on June 15, 1957. Their children are: Paul Jonathan (Sept. 1, 1958); Mary Ruth (Sept. 25, 1960) David Michael (Nov. 1, 1961); Lois Esther (April 2, 1965); Stephen Andrew (July 24, 1966) Rachael Elizabeth (Sept. 17, 1974). Lena lives in Iowa where her husband operates a dairy farm.

Velma June was born June 28, 1934 and married to Robert Reiss (Nov. 30, 1931) Aug. 23, 1958. Their children are: Robert (June 15, 1969); Ralph (July 25, 1962) and Bruce (June 23, 1967). Velma has made her home in Kansas; her husband is a meat cutter.

Mary Elizabeth was born Jan 4, 1936 and married to Daniel Gehman (Nov. 6, 1925) June 15, 1961. Their children are Renee (Aug. 3, 1962) and Judy (June 18, 1965). Mary has made her home in Montana where her husband is teaching in a Bible College.

Rosella Joy was born May 19, 1937 and married to Charles Floyd Fulks (Dec. 24, 1937) June 9, 1957. Their children are Charles Brian (Sept. 3, 1959) and Rita Sue (Sept 8, 1960). Rosella has made her home near Latham; her husband works for Garber Motors in Tipton.

Violet Marie was born Sept. 30, 1939 and died Oct. 4, 1939.

Although Ed and Elizabeth Garber did not live to see all of their children married or all of their grandchildren born, they left a rich heritage to their family. Their family has remained close in love and spirit through the years and has contributed much to Morgan and Moniteau counties as well as other parts of the world. The family enjoyed being together for a reunion in 1978 when all 13 children and their companions gathered for a week-end on the farm they grew up on northeast of Versailles. The family numbered 76 at that time.

## NETTIE MAE (JONES) GARBER

Nettie Mae (Jones) Garber is the widow of Milton R. Garber, 1900-1967, and the daughter of Frank H. (1875-1957) and Nettie Adair Jones (1906). Mr. Jones was born in Silver Springs, Missouri and moved to Fortuna when he was 26 years old where he met Nettie Jane Adair. They were married Oct. 18, 1903. His entire life was spent as a carpenter in Moniteau and Morgan Counties. Even today, there are many buildings standing that attest to his skill and workmanship. After the death of his first wife, Nettie Adair Jones, he took his daughter to the home of Charles H. and Minnie Petree Hays, neighbors, where she lived until her marriage to Milton R. Garber, June 16, 1926. April 18, 1922, Mr. Jones married Cynthia Ann Nelson.

Milton R. and
Nettie Mae Garber

During the year of 1909, Charley and Minnie Hays purchased a piece of land — 120 acres — from the old Payne pasture. They built a farm home here — about 5½ miles north of Versailles and lived on this property until ill health necessitated their moving to California to be near their daughter, Nettie Mae.

Charles H. and Minnie (Petree) Hays, their Golden Wedding

Nettie Mae (Jones) Garber and Milton R. Garber graduated from Versailles High School in the class of '23. Nettie Mae continued her education in Warrensburg until she had an AA Degree and taught seven years in the rural schools of Morgan County, Missouri, under the supervision of County Superintendent, M. Wray Witten. Milton was a farmer. During the latter part of April, 1937, they migrated to the State of California and remained there.

Nettie Mae completed her B.A. Degree at San Francisco State University. Prior to her retirement in 1973, she taught 18 years Business Education at the California School for the Deaf, Berkeley. In fact, their Business Education Department was started by her.

The last several years of Milton's life were spent in tbe insurance business. His father and mother were Daniel A. and Anna Longanbill Garber.

Since the Hays family was well known in and around Morgan County and was so closely associated with Nettie Mae, herewith is a paragraph about them. Charles H. Hays was a member of the Benjamin Franklin (1842-1904) and Rose Ann Newkirk Hays (1849-1932) family. There were 13 children in this family: Minnie Lee Hays Bauer (1871-1912) was a teacher and W.C.T.U. worker; David Peter Hays (1873-1918), a thresherman; Charles Hardin Hays (1874-1960) a farmer; James Tilden Hays (1876-1945)) a thresherman and operator of heavy road equipment; Thomas Albert Hays (1878-1960) a farmer; Mary Francis Hays Cook (Fannie) (1880-1970), wife of Walter Cook; George Franklin Hays (1882-1945) a moving and storage man; Joseph Allen Hays (1883-1965) a moving and storage man; Rose Elizabeth (Bettie) Lehman — formerly the wife of Patrick Dornan then of W.T. Lehman (1885-1966); Anna Carmen Lehman (1886- ) widow of Harve Lehman; John Edwin Hays (1888-1963) first a farmer then a moving and storage man; Dicy Katherine Hays Dornan (1889-1956) the wife of Robert Dornan; Ercell Hunter Hays (1891-1960) a farmer.

Minnie Petree Hays (1874-1964), wife of Charles Hays, was the daughter of Wiley and Jane Donley Petree who lived in the Green Grove community, Moniteau County. *Nettie Mae Garber*

## WILLIAM M. GARBER

William M. Garber was born September 28, 1859 and came to Morgan County in April 1866 with his parents, Christian Gerber and Barbara Hofstetter Gerber who were of Swiss descent. William was born in Wayne County, Ohio. On August 22, 1889 he was married to Maria P. Lehman (known as Molly). She was born November 6, 1859. Her parents were Peter P. Lehman and Kathrina Loganbill, also coming to Morgan County from Wayne County, Ohio and of Swiss descent. William died August 20, 1950 and Maria died July 9, 1935.

William engaged in farming in the Bethel Mennonite Community during his entire lifetime. He took much pride in building on his farmstead; a large farm home which he later added to, a summer house, a large bank barn, milk house, smoke house, chicken house, cattle barn, dry house, grainary, woodshed and garage. Today many of these buildings are still in use on Homer's Hog Farm northeast of Versailles. William's great-grandson, Stanley Garber, continues to help operate the farm with bis father, Homer.

To William and Maria Garber were born the following children: Elizabeth Ruth (October 9, 1894-August 1966); Edwin Roy (April 15-September 20, 1951); Carl Henry (August 28, 1896-June 1937); William Floyd (June 9, 1901-November 14, 1926); Lydia (September 24, 1893- September 24, 1893); Emma Barbara (December 25, 1898- January 29, 1911).

## THOMAS GARDNER

Thomas Gardner was the son of Isaac, Jr. and Mary Sparhawk Gardner and lived at Brookline, Mass. Thomas Gardner was badly wounded in the Battle of Breed's Hill, now known as the Battle of Bunker Hill. He died and Gen. George Washington personally set his burial day.

Col. Gardner's son, Thomas, went to Illinois and married Emaretta Rosetta Nickerson. He was in business with his brother- in-law in a general store, which failed. The Gardner's went west and homesteaded land including Porter Mills Springs. Children of Thomas and Emaretta were: Hannah Elizabeth, Mary Susan, Rachel Angeline, Harriett Eliza Maria, Lucy Ellen, Thomas Sparhawk, William Blagden Rice, John Henry and Catherine Emeretta.

Hanna married Jackson Purvis. Harriett married George Purvis. Lucy died in infancy. Thomas, Jr. married and lived in Colorado and John Henry died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gardner were buried in the Porter Mills bottoms but their graves could not be located when the land was flooded after Bagnell Dam was built.

When Harriett Gardner was 11 years old she went to live with Mrs. Elizabeth Purvis, a widow. Mrs. Purvis' sons were fighting in the War Between the States. Henry was with the Union Army and George with the Confederate Army. After the war was over Harriett and George were married. They lived on the Osage River in a large stucco home built on a hill that overlooked the river.

Their children: Horace, deceased, was married to Bertha Hunter, buried in Fresno, Calif. Lavenia married John Polston, deceased, buried in Tulsa, Okla. Henry died in infancy, buried in Purvis Cemetery. Josephine married Edmund Staley, deceased, buried in the Versailles Cemetery. Richard died in infancy, buried in Purvis Cemetery. Pencia married Ben Polston, deceased, and buried in Tulsa. Isam married Effie Brown, deceased, buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Ivy, deceased, married Ora Hill, buried in Ozark Chapel Cemetery at Laurie, Mo. Harley, deceased, married Edna Warren, buried in Simi, Calif.

George Vam Buren Purvis is buried in Purvis Cemetery and Harriett Gardner Purvis is buried in Tulsa, Okla.

The children of Horace are: Glessie and Max, deceased, buried at Clovis, Calif., Lavenia, Arden, deceased, buried in San Jose, Calif., Zelda, living in San Antonio, Texas, Josephine, Joe, deceased, buried in Santa Fe, N.M., Myra Petty Versailles, Ora Kemp, Tulsa, Okla., Josephine McKay, Albuquerque, N.M., Dr. Ed Staley, Alamagordo, N.M., Pensia, Ray, deceased, buried in California, Ross, Clear Lake, Calif., Garnett, deceased, buried in San Jose, Calif., Guy, Tulsa, Okla., Ones, died in infancy, buried at Tulsa, Vernon, of California, Forrest (Bob), Independence, Kans., Isam, Rev. Elmo Purvis, deceased, buried at Green Grove Cemetery, Harold, of Pleasant Hill, Paul, of Cedar City, Nona Moore, Eva Hibdon and John Purvis, all of Laurie, Rosemary Butts, California, Mo., Geraldine, died in infancy, buried at Purvis Cemetery, George, deceased, buried Ozark Chapel Cemetery, Harley, James, Fairfax, Va., Robert, Simi, Calif. and Patricia of Arizona. *Ora E. Kemp*

## JAMES MARION (RED) GARRISON

Around 1903 in the horse and buggy days, when it was a three day's trip over dirt roads from Camden county to Versailles, Mo., James Marion (Red) Garrison (son of Will and Patsy Garrison), his wife, Eunice Elizabeth (Findley) and their children, Belva O'Zell and William Quincy, her mother, Susan Elizabeth Findley, and her brother, Drew, came to Versailles to make their home.

*Back:* William (Red) and Eunice Garrison; *Front:* Quincy and Belva.

Belva O'Zell (born Mar. 23, 1895-d. June 14, 1914) married Roy M. Ellis, (b. July 22, 1885-d. July 5, 1971) on Nov. 2, 1910. He was the son of John and Jane Biggs Ellis, who also had three other children, Robert, Harry and Bessie.

Roy and Belva had two daughters, Mildred Elizabeth and Tilla Mae.

Quincy married Bessie Ellis and their children were Ruby Pauline, Hazel Dawn, Fae O'Zell and Marjorie Jean(the latter died at age one year).

James Marion and Eunice Elizabeth Garrison took into their home and raised their small grandchildren, Mildred and Tilla Mae Ellis and Ruby Pauline, Hazel Dawn and Faye O'Zell Garrison after the death of their mothers. These grandchildren pay tribute to their grandparents for their wonderful, loving care.

The men in the Garrison-Ellis families worked at W.S. Dickey's Brick Manufacturing Plant in Versailles.

Mildred Ellis married Herschel Warren Earnest, son of Henry Carpenter and Josephine Bybee Earnest, who had five other children. Mildred and Herschel had one daughter, Belva Elaine, who married Arthur Henry Reiman, Jr. They and their children, Linda Diane, Robert Ernest and Arthur Henry, III live at Lee's Summit, Mo.

Tilla Mae Ellis married C.W. Thorpe, son of Roy and Alma Thorpe, who had another son, Roy and daughter, Sue. They have a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, a medical technologist at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. She married Roger Hawk and they live in Shawnee-Mission, Kan. Tilla Mae (Tee) and C.W. live in Richmond, Mo. where he is a rural mail carrier.

Ruby Garrison married Carl Campbell, who live at Russellville, Mo., where their daughter, Lynn Rae, lives with her husband, Larry Wayne Burlingame and their children, Heidi and Matthew.

Hazel Dawn Garrison married Chester N. Cox (now deceased) and they had two sons, Randolph now of Lawrence, Kan. and Jimmie, who died at the age of four months. Randolph (Randy) married Joan Maxwell and they had one son, Adam Buckminister. Later Randy married Dana Brekke. They live in Lawrence, Kan. where he is a registered pharmacist and she teaches school.

Faye O'Zell Garrison married Dale Rumans, son of the late Bill and Fae Rumans, and they live at Ocala, Fla. Their children are Bruce Dale, Robert, Phillip, Janice Kay, David, Richard Dru and Daniel. Bruce Dale and Robert are in military service.

The Garrison-Ellis family endured hardships and sadness as in World Wars I and II, the flu epidemic in 1918 and the Great Depression in the 1920's and 1930's. But for the good times we are grateful and thankful to be privileged to live in Morgan County. *Written by Mildred Ellis Earnest*

## IRA L. GERBER

Ira L. Gerber, son of John F. and Mary Welty Gerber, married Bertha Moser, daughter of Samuel J. and Clara Loganbill Moser on Aug. 12, 1920. They lived on a farm in the Bethel Mennonite community for fifty-three years.

Their children are Clarice, who married Herman Lehman; Louise who married Hassel Henderson and they live at Latham, Mo.; Ruth, now deceased; Paul, who married Melva Bass, and they live in Versailles.

Louise and Hassell Henderson's children are Mary of Latham, and Connie, who married John Baepler, and they live at Centertown with their sons, Mark and Mike.

Ruth was married to Raymond Gerlt and their children are Larry, of Latham; Linda, of Independence, Mo., who married Darrell Newell and they have one daughter, Aimee; Pam of Kingman, Kans., and a daughter who died in infancy.

Paul and Melva Bass Gerber have four children, Kay, of Windsor, Mo., Marleen of Eldon, Mo., who married Paul Boatman, Kenneth, of Joplin, Mo. and Debora of Versailles. *by Paul Gerber*

## JOHN GERBER

In 1866, Christian Gerber and his wife, Barbara Hofstetter Gerber came to Missouri from Wayne County, Ohio. They were both of Swiss Mennonite descent. Their parents immigrated from Canton Berne, Switzerland, hoping to find better economic and religious conditions in the United States.

John Gerber and Family at their farm home 1914

Christian and Barbara brought six children with them to Missouri: Israel, Rosina, William, Caroline, Solomon, Mary and Sarah. Seven children were born after they settled in Morgan County: John, Lydia, Emma, Lina, Bertha, Benjamin, and Joseph.

Grandma Gerber with ten of her children

The family settled temporarily in Moniteau County about three miles north of Bethel Mennonite Church. Christian purchased a tract of land comprising 480 acres, located 7 miles northeast of Versailles in Morgan County. The original home of the couple was located just north of Prairie Valley Community Center. As his sons became older, Christian gave them each 40 acres with the option to buy more land. At one time, four of his sons lived on this section of land. Christian and Barbara had purchased another homestead, now the Oliver and Ed Baumgartner farm. Eventually, all the sons except John moved away. Christian Gerber died on March 8, 1898 and his wife, Barbara, on April 8, 1930.

John F. Gerber married Mary Welty on Dec. 14, 1893. He was a successful farmer and stockman in the community. His wife, Mary, died in 1943. John lived with his son, Roy and family until his death in 1970 at age 100 and 6 months. Currently, Roy's son, Melvin and wife, Mary Groth Gerber, live on this 160 acre tract; making it a four generation farm.

Following are the descendants of John F. Gerber and his wife, Mary (Welty) Gerber: 1)Ira married Bertha Moser. To them were born: Clarice (Lehman), Louise (Henderson), Ruth (Gerlt)(died July 27, 1964), and Paul. 2)Elizabeth (died Aug. 23, 1954) married Aubrey Aeschbacher. To them were born: Mary (Schaffter) and Eleanor (Hofstetter). 3)Roy married Esther Hilty. To them were born: John, Barbara (Hall), Janet (Vest), Eileen (died Nov. 17, 1943 at 5 weeks), and Melvin. 4)Ruth married Irwin Wahler. To them were born: Marylan (Green) and Jerome.

The children of Louise and Hassel Henderson are Connie (Baepler) and Mary Henderson. The children of Ruth and Raymond Gerlt are Larry, Linda (Newell) and Pamela. The children of Paul and Melva (Bass) Gerber are Kay, Marleen (Boatman), Kenneth and Debora Gerber.

The children of Mary and Glenn Schaffter are Barry and Mike Schaffter. The children of Don and Eleanor Hofstetter are Sandra and Brenda Hofstetter.

The children of John and Beatrice (Guitterez) Gerber are Richard, Eileen and Sylvia Gerber. The children of Barbara and Robert Hall are Cynthia, Brian and Carole Hall. The children of Janet and Edward Vest are Kevin and Gregory Vest. Melvin and Mary (Groth) Gerber have one child, Adam Gerber.

The children of Marylan and Shannon Green are Shannon, Jr., and Cathy Green. Jerome and Natha (Kimberling) Wahlers had one child, Timothy Wahlers. *by Mrs. Roy Gerber*

## HENRY GERLT

Henry Gerlt was born March 12, 1846, died March 20, 1918. He had a well patronized blacksmith shop in Old Stover on the Versailles-Cole Camp road. On April 16, 1873 he was married to Therese Roiter.

Therese Roiter was born October 25, 1849 in Schmittham, a village in Upper Austria. She was the sixth child of George and Elizabeth (Malzner) Roiter. At the age of about four years she came with her parents, brothers and sisters to America where the family made their home on the farm east of Stover. She died February 25, 1933.

They had six children as follows: Elizabeth — born July 3, 1875, died in 1950, married Ernst A. Bauer; Christ J. — born December 1, 1876, died May 12, 1961 married Catherine Monsees; Gustav — born October 12, 1878, died September 11, 1968 married Annie Monsees (sister of Catherine); Josephine — born March 14, 1883, died March 19, 1968 married August Bauer; Julius — born March 17, 1885; died in 1960 married Maggie Wahlers; Daniel — born March 18, 1888, died December 22, 1976, not married.

Christ J. Gerlt lived on part of the land that had been owned by his father south of Stover. He was a farmer. On January 1, 1904 he was married to Catherine Monsees, daughter of Martin and Matha (Gehrken) Monsees. She was born April 18, 1880, died in 1952.

Their children are: Joseph — born October 25, 1904, married Elda Eckhoff; Lorenz — born April 9, 1906, died November 5, 1959 married Hazel Gerhart; Josephine — born March 10, 1908, married Harry Nolting (children and grandchildren listed under Conrad Nolting); Lorena — born April 22, 1910, not married; Walter — born September 8, 1912, married Sally Woolery; Martin — born June 14, 1915, not married; Waneta — born March 2, 1925, married Delmon Marriott (Waneta lives on the original home place).

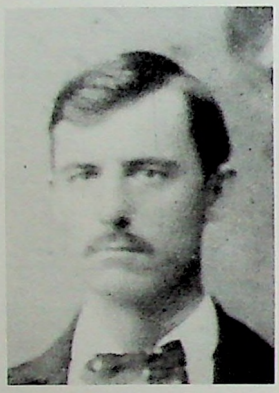
The above all live in the Versailles — Stover area except Joseph, who is an ordained Lutheran minister in Harrison, Arkansas. (Space does not permit to list the children and grandchildren of the above). *Joan and Shipp*

## WILLIAM S. GIBBS

William S. Gibbs was born in 1835, son of immigrants from western Europe, located on a farm in Proctor, Mo. He served

William S. Gibbs M.D.

as a non-commissioned officer during the Civil War, returning to Proctor, where he married Mary E. Willson. They had four children, Fannie, Mamie, who died young, Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) and John Franklin. Fannie moved to Texas. Dr. T.J. practiced medicine in Proctor, later moving to Florence, Mo. where he continued his practice.



John F. Gibbs

He married Laura Kimball late in life and had no children.

John Franklin Gibbs was born in Proctor in 1866. He was a farmer near his father's residence, where he married Hannah Merriott. Their children were Roscoe, Guy Carleton and William Merriott. After three or four years of farming he moved to Versailles and worked as a carpenter. He later formed a title company in partnership with Elwyn Price.

In about 1872 he was elected sheriff of Morgan County and served for two terms during which time he studied law by reading at bome and observation in court and was admitted to the bar about 1878. A very promising career ended with his death in 1909.

Hannah M. Gibbs, with Guy and William, moved to Columbia where she operated a boarding house while the boys were in Missouri University. Guy graduated in law and located in Springfield, forming the Lawson, Gibbs Title Company. He enlisted in the army during World War I and served in France. Upon his return to Springfield he married Josephine Mcbride. They had two daughters, Jean and Eloise.

William M. Gibbs was a science student and, on graduation, continued research at the University of Wisconsin, specializing in bacteriology and chemistry. He served in the army during World War I as a lieutenant in the sanitary corps.

Upon his discharge he was appointed professor of bacteriology and head of the department at the University of Idaho. He married Jean Kidwell and they had a daughter, Marian. This union was terminated in divorce. Marian now lives in San Francisco, Calif. He was appointed research fellow at Northwestern University, Chicago, where he received the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1930. Upon graduation he located in Glendale, Calif. where he practiced medicine and surgery until his retirement in 1967. He now resides in San Marcos, Calif.

William M. Gibbs was the first listed in American Men of Science in 1920 and Who's Who in Los Angeles in 1950.

Four members of the Gibbs family are buried in the Versailles Cemetery. John F., Hannah M., Mamie and William S.

*by William M. Gibbs, M.D.*

## AMOS GINGERICH

Early in March, 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gingerich, with their two children, Leroy and Charity, moved from Kalona, Iowa, to Versailles, Mo. On March 14, Amos Gingerich was ordained to the ministry by David Kauffman, to serve the Mt. Zion Mennonite Church.

Through the years, Amos Gingerich was a farmer and a minister in the Mt. Zion community. As a farmer, he was interested in improving the soil and livestock under his stewardship. He introduced Guernsey cattle into the community. He limed, fertilized and terraced his farm land, and built and remodeled farm buildings. This farm now is owned by R.C. Penney, of Chicago, and is located on Highway 5, five miles north of Versailles.

In 1933, the Gingerich family moved to Hesston, Kan., where Amos served a number of years as business manager of Hesston College. From Kansas, the family moved to Parnell, Iowa, where he continued to have farming interests and ministerial services at the West Union Mennonite Church. Amos Gingerich died in Dec. 1962 and his wife died in 1966.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gingerich: Charity (Mrs. Menno Troyer), Hesston, Kan.; Leroy, minister and farmer, Versailles, Mo.; Fred, minister, Harper, Kan.; Truman, retired farmer, Parnell, Iowa; Eunice (Mrs. Nelson Histand), Carlsbad, N.M.; Paul, caretaker of Showalter Villa, Hesston, Kan.; Orie, dentist, Iowa City, Iowa; Lois (Mrs. Wallace Bender), Parnell, Iowa; Simon, Mennonite Mission Board, Elkhart, Ind.; and Clayton, high school teacher, La-Junta, Colo.

Of the Amos Gingerich children, only Leroy chose to make Morgan County his home. In 1932, he married Mary Alice Driver. Except for seven years in church work in Nebraska, Leroy and Mary Alice have made their married life on a farm one-half mile south of Mt. Zion Mennonite church.

Leroy was ordained to the ministry in 1936. He did mission work in the Ozark hills south of Versailles in the 1930's and 1940's. He also served as pastor of Mt. Zion Mennonite Church for a time.

Leroy and Mary Gingerich adopted two children. James, who married Sharon Crain of Azusa, California, serves on the police force of that city. James and Sharon have two children, Robert and Deborah. Naomi Ruth, the adopted daughter of Leroy and Mary Gingerich, is a registered nurse at the Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa. *Submitted by Leroy Gingerich*

## EARL A. GODDARD

Earl A. Goddard, son of William Sterling and Mary Etta Ball Goddard, was born Aug. 26, 1894 at Glensted, Mo. He had three sisters and two brothers, Gorda, Erma, Clara, Bernice, Shelby and John.

He grew up on the farm where he was born, helping with farming. On May 29, 1918 he was called to service in World War I. He spent three months in training at Camp Dodge, Ia. in Co. D. 313 Engineers, 88 Division. On Aug. 16, 1918 he was sent overseas to Le Havre, France. After the Armistice was

Earl Goddard and his Mule team

signed on Nov. 11, 1918, his company was engaged in rebuilding roads and railroads.

Earl and Marie Goddard, 1953

His company was sent home May 25, 1919 and he received his discharge from Camp Taylor, Ky. June 19, 1919.

After the death of his father Oct. 19, 1919 he remained at the farm with his sisters, Erma, Clara and Bernice and brother, John.

On Dec. 22, 1920 he married Marie Louise Meuschke at Versailles, Mo. Their children were Florence, Frank and Mary Etta. Florence received a B.S. degree in education at Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, Mo., taught three years in rural schools and two years in Versailles Elementary School. She married Thomas B. Scott, Jr. Aug. 26, 1950 and lives at Puyallup, Wash., where she has taught kindergarten for 20 years. They have one daughter.

Frank Goddard lives at Arvada, Colo. where he is employed by the Johnny Harper Ford Agency. They have two daughters.

Mary Etta married Lewis Jenkins and they live in Versailles. They have a son, two daughters and one grandchild. They are employed at the Kansas City Bifocal Company.

Earl Goddard worked as meat cutter in the Wm. Otten Grocery Store in Versailles. He was a charter member of Morgan County Post 104 of the American Legion. In 1960 he retired and moved to 408 South Krekel Street in Versailles, where Mrs. Goddard still lives.

He died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home Sept. 19, 1970. Mrs. Goddard teaches piano and is active in civic and church activities. *Mrs. Earl Goddard*

## GEORGE H. GOETZ

(A) George H. Goetz(e) born April 15, 1778, Bebra, Kassel, Hessen, Germany. Farmer and raised sheep. In 1802 he married and had two children. His wife died and he remarried and had four more children. Left Germany in 1835 with wife and five surviving children. Moved to Pettis County, Missouri in 1837. Second wife died in 1840. In 1877, George moved to Wyandotte, Kansas with daughter Anna Martha and her husband, Louis Momberg. George was a Lutheran church member for over 60 years. He died July 16, 1878 at the age of 100 years and 3 months. Children known to have come to America with George: (AA) Johann Goetze, (AB) Anna Martha, and (AC)Fredrich Phillip Goetz.

Fredrich A. Goetze

Amelia (Frisch) Goetze

(AA) Johann Goetze (1813-1865). He married Catherine Elizabeth Byer (1812-1892). Johann is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (disbanded), Lake Creek cemetery, Benton County. Elizabeth is buried in the Frisch cemetery at Byler's Mill, south of Stover. Johann and Elizabeth had six children.

AA1 Frederich Alexander Goetze (1840-1911). Fred lived with his parents near Lake Creek in northeast Benton County until age 21, when he joined the Home Guard. On May 5, 1865 he married Amelia Frisch (1847-1932). They lived near Cole Camp. In 1874 they moved to Riverview, Morgan County, Missouri, which was located at the junction of Big Buffalo Creek and the Osage River. The home place consisted of 160 acres. They also owned another 450 acres in several other nearby locations. Fred at one time operated a ferry across the Osage River. They lived there until Fred died in 1911, and Amelia moved to Stover. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Fred and Amelia had twelve children.

(a) Herman (1865-1936) married Laura Taylor (1866-1912). One son, Clarence lost his life in World War I. Also had one daughter, Blanche Harms. Second marriage — Christine (Wittrock) Roiter, no children.

(b) Carlena (1867-1919) married Sterling Chism (1863-1938). Children — Theophelus (1895- ) lived in Leeton, Missouri and later in Blue Springs. Leo (1899-1925).

(c) Otto D. (1870-1946) Married Elisabeth Skinner. Lived near Seattle, Washington. One daughter Dorothy Ellis.

(d) John died in infancy.

(e) Charles (1874-1937) Never married. Lived his later years in Summerville Missouri.

(f) Francis J. (1876-1962). Married Gorda Cline. Had one son, Ray O. Lived near Stover.

(g) Mollie B. (1878-1957)- Married B.T. Vickery (1873-1938). B.T. came to Stover in 1905. He established the Farmers Bank and remained in Stover. Children — Clara, Anita and H. Kyle.

(h) Lora R. (1880-1970) Married H.W. Schaper (1875-1944). Lived near Versailles. Had three children — Margaret, Aubrey and Ernest.

(i) Mare[illegible] (Marie) (1882-1931) Married Herman P Fajen. Adopted Lillie Dell, and Roma with her brothers Burl and Roy.

(j) Alma (1884-1921) Married Otto Fajen (1881—1958). Lived in Stover. Had three children — Cornelius J., Reinhart F., and Alma Marie.

(k) Oskar L. (1886-1967) Married Sadie . Later married Minnie Bench, lived at the home place, Riverview, later moved to California. One son, Frederich.

(l) George Alexander (1889-1975) Married Selma Roiter, who died in 1920. No Children. In 1924 he married Gladys Shireman. They lived near Houstonia, Missouri and retired to Stover. Had two daughters, Harriett and Wilda and one son, George, Jr.

AA2 George H. Goetze (1850- ) Married Johanne Stori. George was a blacksmith and built farm implements in his shop in northeast Benton County. In 1861 he joined the Missouri 13th Regiment and later served in the 5th Regiment. Had eight children — Johann Washington, George Friedrick, Pinky and Ollie (twins), Maria Katherina, Mary C., Albert Franciscus, and Barney.

AA3 Anna Elizabeth (1844- ) Married Otto Bloess. Lived their married life in Sedalia, Pettis County.

AA4 Catherine P (1847- ) Married Claus Schroeder. Farmed in Benton County. Children — Walter, Fred and Mrs. Hineman.

AA5 Christina (1849-1936) Married Fred Bahrenberg (1842-1928). They lived east of Cole Camp, Benton County. Children — Anna, John, Henry and Emil.

AA6 Daniel (1852- ) Married Maria R Phil Schupp. Children — Ottilie Karoline Katherine, Christine Karoline, and Anna Margaretha Phillipine.

AB Anna Martha (1818-1877) Married Louis Momberg and lived most of their married life in southeastern Pettis County. In 1877 they moved to Wyandotte Kansas.

AC Fredrich Phillip Goetz (1822-1855) Married Matilda Carrico (1826-1906) They lived in northeast Benton County.

*Reinhart Fajen*

## RAY OSCAR GOETZE

Ray O. Goetze, born April 15, 1906 at Sagrada, Mo. in Camden Co., the son of Francis J. and Gorda (Cline) Goetze.

Ray married Rhea M. Berkstresser, born March 9, 1911 in Morgan Co. near Versailles Mo. daughter of George Wm. and Nellie Jane (Smiley) Berkstresser. Rhea attended Salmon Elementary School and graduated from Versailles High School in 1930, and later attended Central Mo. State College at Warrensburg, Missouri. Rhea taught in the elementary schools in the Morgan County area.

Ray attended school in the Morgan County.

Ray and Rhea had 3 children. They resided on a farm 4 miles S.W. of Stover, Missouri in western Morgan County. Ray engaged in farming and in addition was owner-operator of Goetze Poultry Processing Plant and Smoke House. In 1964 the plant operation was closed due to a government operated missle plant locating too close to his business. After moving to Stover in 1965, Ray continued as a route salesman with these same products.

Ray and Rhea are presently retired after 30 years in business. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Stover, Ray is a member of the Stover Lions Club, serving in numerous offices. He serves on the Stover Cemetery Association and is president of the Stover Industrial Development Inc. He is vice pres. of the Stover Golden Age Nursing Home Board. Ray has contributed many hours to the support of the Republican party in Morgan County.

Rhea is a member of the Stover Golden Age Nursing Home Guild, the Stover Garden Club and the Stover Homemakers Club.

Their children are: Joann Elaine (Goetze) McCorkle, born Feb. 1, 1938 at Stover Mo. She married Charles McCorkle. Charles is employed with Missouri Pacific Truck Lines and they reside in Arlington, Texas. They have 2 children. Sheryl Ann (McCorkle) Gordon, born Oct. 18, 1957, and Kenneth Ray McCorkle born March 16, 1959. He is presently serving with the U.S.A.F. at Peterson A.F.B. Colorado.

Danny Ray Goetze, born March 18, 1942, at Stover. He attended Stover Elementary and High Schools, graduating in 1960. Later he attended Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg. Danny married Connie M. White, born March 25, 1947, daughter of Dave and Louise (Hunter) White, of Versailles, Missouri. They have 2 children. Melissa Jane Goetze, born Feb. 20, 1971. Michael Dan Goetze, born Dec. 28, 1977. Danny and Connie presently reside 4 miles S.W. of Stover and are owners of Goetze Brothers Carpet and Furniture, Inc. with his brother, James and wife, Sharon.

James W. Goetze born March 22, 1946, at Stover. He married Sharon E. Loman, born Oct. 1, 1946, daughter of Harold E. and Julia Genevieve (Harms) Loman, of Windsor, Missouri. They have 2 children, Richard Mark Goetze, born Jan. 27, 1969, and Sharla Beth Goetze, born July 7, 1972.

James attended Stover Elementary and High School, graduating in 1964. In 1965, James was drafted into the United States Army, and was honorably discharged in 1967, serving 11 months of that time in the Vietnam war.

James and Sharon reside 4 miles S.W. of Stover and are owners of Goetze Bros. Carpet and Furniture Inc. with his brother, Danny, and wife, Connie. *Mrs. James Goetze*

## HARRY (BILL) A. GOLDBERG, III

Bill, Mary and Chris Goldberg purchased property in Morgan County Mo. in 1978, fulfilling a dream to retire there some day.

Harry A. Goldberg III, Mary and Chris

Beale - Helen

Bill's ancestors came from England and Russia to New York and Kentucky and settled in Missouri.

Mary Helen's parents settled in Morgan County, route 2, Stover, Mo. in 1970. Ancestors came from England and Holland and settled first in Kentucky, Virginia and Pennsylvania before coming to Missouri.

Bill was born in Kansas City and Mary Helen was born in Houston, Mo. They moved to Sedalia, Mo. in 1952 and 1953 and were married Sept. 29, 1960. They have one son, William Christopher, born Oct. 1, 1969.

Bill is a Mason and Shriner, received his B.A. in law enforcement and is in security with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Mary Helen is a homemaker, Sunday school teacher at McMurry Methodist Church, where the family are members, in Kansas City, member of the P.T.A., D.A.R. and Order of the Eastern Star.

The Goldbergs are looking forward to living at their future home in Morgan County.

## BEN F. GOODMAN

Ben F. Goodman was born at Florence, Mo. Feb. 19, 1882, son of John Frank and Hannah Goodman.

Eva Wassung Goodman

He married Eva Wassung, daughter of John and Mary Harms Wassung, Jan. 26, 1908. They had no children but raised his nephew, John C. Goodman, and Ellen Gross.

The Goodman's were in the shoe store business in Versailles for twenty-one years and built a small cottage on the south lawn at their home on North Fisher street in Versailles where they operated Goodman's Ice Cream Cottage for fourteen years. Their ice cream was homemade from a secret formula.

Eva Goodman was born May 7, 1887 and died Nov. 2, 1967.

She often played a child's part in plays put on by traveling troupes in her father's opera house, located on West Newton street, one-half block northwest of the square, the building now occupied by Gamble's Store. She had one brother, Harmon Wassung, and three sisters, Sudie (Beemer), Clara (Goodman), mother of John Goodman, and Christine (Conover).

Ben Goodman was a Mason and was active in all civic affairs, including the Chamber of Commerce.

Eva Goodman was a longtime member of the Women's Civic Club, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Versailles Cemetery Association. Both were active members of the Versailles Methodist Church.

Both were buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## GEORGE GOODMAN

The first Goodmans were recorded in Cheshire England 1450. Richard Goodman a member of the first family came to America in 1632, settling in Berks County Pennsylvania. George Goodman married Catherine Gouger born 1732. She was taken captive for five years, at age twelve by Indians in a raid. She was taken back to Pennsylvania by white traders. Her family killed, she lived with friends, married George Goodman in 1756. They located in Ross County Ohio. A descendant John Goodman married Susan Immell, they moved to Morgan County Missouri in 1859 buying 40 acres. By economy and industry they added to this till they owned 650 acres of fine prairie land in east Morgan County. John enlisted in Militia of Missouri, he suffered indignities by bushwhackers during Civil War. He died in his home in Morgan County in 1879 age 50 years. Susan died 1888. They are buried in Big Rock Cemetery. Thirteen children were born to them. Josiah and Josephine, twins, Josiah married Jenny Etter, had two daughters-Lennie Nichols, Broox Dyer. Josiah is surviyed by grandchildren, Garnet Nichols, Colorado, Sylvia Stumpf, Sedalia, Missouri.

K.A. (Pete) Goodman

Children of John and Susan (Immell) Goodman
*1st row:* Bell, Charles, Mollie; *2nd row:* Harriett and Josiah.

Nancy Goodman Jones-mother of Mrs. H.D. Gunn, twelve children born to the Gunns.

H. Clifford Gunn-deceased-U.S. Navy W.W. II South Pacific.

Paul Gunn U.S. Army W.W. II Alaska.

Rex Gunn U.S. Navy W.W.II South Pacific.

Other descendants living in Morgan County are Maud Hoag, Charles Gunn, and Ethel Kelsay.

John Goodman married Leona Strong, parents of six children.

Floy Mobley, Colorado. Ethel Yows, Texas-sons Jean, Neil and John attended Versailles High School. Fern Hatler, Barnett-son Hassell, daughter Arlene Carr, Kansas City. Letha Doty, Texas-two daughters Dorothy and Virginia.

Kenneth A. (Pete) Goodman married Gladys Eagle, Colorado. He served in U.S. Army during W.W. I. Was in hardware business, Goodman Hardware in Barnett and Versailles for 20 years. Elected sheriff of Morgan County in 1941 to 1945 and was County Collector of Revenue 1947 to 1959. He died October 4, 1966. Three children-Kenneth Dwain, served in U.S. Navy Air Corps W.W. II overseas, married Virginia Robinson-three children Hope, Jeffrey, and Gae.

Dorothy Marie married Bill Chapman, owners of the home farm north of Barnett that has been in Goodman family since 1859. Three children-Kirk enlisted in Airforce served in Viet Nam, married Donna Clark-one son Kane. Rodney, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Hermann, Missouri. Pamela Kay married Dan Murdock, two sons Heath and Ryan.

Darrel — U.S. Army Air Corps W.W. II European Theater, married Betty Coit — two sons, Kenneth Darrell, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Steven Mark — Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri. Darrell engaged in oil business since 1946.

John D. Goodman married Ruth Hardy who was registered nurse for Gunn Clinic several years. She died 1977, Colorado. Son-John Paul Goodman married Cathy Sickert, one child-Kimberly Jean, Boulder, Colorado.

Charles Goodman married Anna Imler, two daughters-Bernice Winget and Opal Jones. Winget children Daryle, Kansas City, Anna Myrle Ayers, Eldon, Alma, California. Frank and Opal had one son, Dwight Goodman Jones, married Helen Routon — two sons — Dwight Wayne married Rita Reichel two daughters Stephanie Ann and Jennifer. Gail Lynn married Kay Rogers two daughters, Melissa Ann and Kristi Lynn. Mrs. Opal Jones lives on her farm north of Barnett. *Gladys Eagle Goodman*

## BENJAMIN SIMPSON GORHAM

No record exists showing the exact time of Benjamin Gorham's arrival in Morgan Co. He was born at Sandy Hook, Mo. on Jan 21, 1855. His parents were James Thomas Gorham, born Nashville, Tenn. in 1817 and Nancy Ellen Campbell, born in Kentucky.

B.S. Gorham Family, 1896
*Back row, l-r:* Alman, Ellen, Willis, Emma. *Front, l-r:* B.S. Gorham, Minnie, Edna, Mrs. Gorham.

James Thomas was Justice of Peace in Moneteau Co in 1863 and had lived in Morgan Co. He joined Big Rock Church, Morgan Co. in 1844 and had some land there prior to 1872.

Benjamin married Josephine Welsh Oct. 2, 1876. She was born in Washington, Indiana on July 16, 1859.

Gorham Brothers and Sisters
*L to r:* Ellen, Arley, Edna, Alma and Minnie.

The family were farmers. Benjamin purchased land from Lucy Doran in 1890. It was by Oak Grove Church and an acre was given as a graveyard and a right-of-way given for the Gravois-Versailles road. More land was purchased later from Wm. Campbell. This was the family home where seven children were reared. Both Benjamin and Josephine are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery and all the children are deceased except Arley.

Georgia Emaline was born July 1877. She married Johnnie Campbell. They had one daughter, Zelma Mae, who lives in Tulsa, Ok.

Willis Ostin was born Aug., 1879. He married Etta Adams. They had three children Audra, Harold, who lives in Kansas City, and Paul.

Mary Ellen was born Dec. 1881. She married Edward Hill. Their children were: Lena Berniece, Hazel and Ross.

James Alman was born April 1885. He married Neva May Gunn of Marvin, Mo. They lived their married lives in Marvin, Barnett and Versailles. He was rural letter carrier out of Barnett about 35 years. Their daughters were Muriel, who died, and Jean Elizabeth.

Nancy Edna was born August 1887 and married Grover Ferguson. Their children were Glenn and Delores, who lives in California.

Robert F. lived only seven months.

Minnie Hazel was born Jan. 1893. She married James W. Allen of Versailles. They lived all their lives in Versailles. He was an insurance man. Their daughters were Grace Jeanette Versailles, and Gwendolyn, who lives in Florida.

Daniel Orva lived about three years.

Benjamin Arley was born Sept. 1900. He married Leone Kester. Later married Lily Law Powers. Their children are Jack, Victor and Benjamin A. Jr. They all live in California. Arley moved to California in the 1920's and now lives in Joshua Tree.

Two descendents of Benjamin now live on farms in Morgan County. Grace Jeannett Allen, who married Drue J. Spurlock of Versailles. Tbey live on the Spurlock home place west of Versailles, where they reared five children. James who lives in California and has two daughters Sharon and Sheila twins. Belford also lives in California and has two children, Tracy and Michael. John now lives in Kansas City. Victor also lives in Kansas City and has one son, Jimmy. Nancy lives in St. Louis and has three daughters, Lori, Amy, and Julie.

Jean Elizabeth Gorham who married G.A. Bennington, III of Eldon. They live in the Marvin community after an absence of forty years from Morgan Co. They have two sons, George who lives in Atlanta, Ga. He has a daughter-Stefanie. James, who lives in California.

Morgan Co. continues to hold a charm for folks seeking a good life. *Jean Gorham Bennington*

## RALPH GRAY

Daughters of Powell and Desdie Gray
*Front:* Mary (Polly) Gray Staples and Elizabeth Gray Martin. *Back:* Jane Gray Ivie and Harriet Newell Gray Mobley.

Ralph Gray's great-grandparents, Powell and Desdemonia Taylor Gray, arrived in Morgan county with their children in 1853.

Ralph and Ruth Kidwell Gray — 1938

Powell was one of twelve brothers and sisters of Wm. and Mary Gray of Patrick County, Virginia. They were large landowners in Virginia and had at least 11 slaves. Some of Powell's brothers and possibly two sons had preceded them to Missouri and were living in Boone and surrounding counties. There were several of the Taylor family, Desdemonia's relatives, also made the move to Missouri. The group stopped in Illinois for a while and again in St. Charles where John Martin died leaving Matilda a widow. Powell and Desdie had 10 children: William, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Matilda, Jane, Norman Powell, Desdemonia, James, and Harriett, and with the exception of one, all lived near them. Mary married George Staples, Jane married Peter Ivey, Harriett married Banjamin Campbell Mobley, and Elizabeth and Matilda married Martin brothers, Samuel and John.

Ralph Gray and Farm 1977

Powell purchased 40 acres east of Versailles and built a log cabin, which still stands underneath a newer house built around it and where Ralph Gray now lives. This land has been in the Gray family for over 100 years. Powell lived only four years after moving to Missouri and upon his death, Desdie moved into Versailles and operated a boarding house. During the Civil War, Desdie, Norman P. and the younger children went by wagon to Nebraska to escape being robbed or killed by the bushwhackers. They returned to Mo. after the war and found the home place intact. Norman Powell, with his wife, Sarah Ann Ward, remained on the farm with his mother until her death in 1885 and the place passed to him. By this time Norman and Sally's family consisted of: Mary Elizabeth, William Powell (Will), Nancy, Lillie, Jennie, and Desdemonia (who died as a child).

Mary E. married Wes Campbell. Jennie married Frank Harris, and Lillie married Ed Campbell, Wes' cousin.

Will married Virginia Padgett, daughter of P.H. Padgett, and were the parents of three, Viva, Helen, and Ralph.

Ralph was born at Glensted where his dad was in the chicken business. They moved to Kansas for 14 years where Ralph grew up, returning to Morgan county in 1921 to care for Norman P., who was 85 and a widower, until . his death in 1922. Will had purchased the farm from his father before his death and he and Ralph operated it together until Will died in 1933. Ralph married Ruth Kidwell of Versailles and has remained on the farm ever since.

## JAMES JOHN GROSS

James John Gross was born 9 May 1902 in Omaha, Nebr., son of Edward and Margaret (O'Brien) Gross. On 16 Aug 1930 he married Lois Marie Berkstresser at St. Peter Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebr., daughter of George William and Nellie Jane (Smiley) Berkstresser Sr. Lois was born 28 Nov 1904 in Morgan County, Mo. She attended the Salmon grade school, Stover High school and after passing the Morgan County examination for Teachers Certification, she taught at Self Chapel rural school for one year.

Lois worked in Kansas City at Wolferman's from 1923 to 1925, later at Mrs. Stover's Bungalow Candy Co. in Kansas City. The following year she was transferred to Lincoln, Nebr., to assist in opening a new Candy Store, then to Omaha, later becoming manager of Mrs. Stover's Bungalow Candies. Lois continued to work for the candy company for nine years. It was here that she met James J. Gross. He was employed in the office of the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha. In early 1935 he was promoted to the position of claim agent in the claim department.

In 1937, James was transferred to Grand Island, Nebr., to Las Vegas, Nevada for four years in 1938, to Riverside, Calif.

Lois Berkstresser

in 1942, and to San Gabriel, Calif. in 1944. Lois was employed as a stock transfer clerk and assistant secretary for the Sunnyslope Water Co. in Pasadena, Calif., where she worked thirteen years.

James J. and Lois (Berkstresser) Gross

James retired from the Union Pacific Railroad as claim agent in 1959. Lois retired from the Sunnyslope Water Co. in 1961. They moved from San Gabriel to Yucaipa, Calif., near Palm Springs in May 1961 to make their home. James Gross died 15 July 1961.

February 16, 1964, Lois (Berkstresser) Gross was married to Claude Elias Russell of Yucaipa, who was born 8 May 1892 at Owensboro, Ky. Russell was retired from former employment as an electrical engineer for The Famous-Barr, owned by the May Co., St. Louis, Mo. He died 16 Nov 1970.

While living in Yucaipa, Lois was a member of the Yucaipa Womens Club, the Highland and Yucaipa groups of Canasta Clubs and held offices as secretary, historian, then becoming assistant regent of the Catholic Daughter's Organization. She now lives at 306 Berry Ave., Belton, Mo. where she moved July 10, 1972. Her father, George W. Berkstresser, Sr., made his home with her until his death, 21 June 1973.

## ELMER WILLIAM GUENTHER

Elmer W. Guenther was born June 14, 1895 at Broylers Mills, Mo. The son of Gottlieb G. Guenther, born Oct. 9, 1865-died March 14, 1946, and Louise Schaper born July 25, 1869-died Sept. 24, 1950.

Elmer W. Guenther Family
*1st. row:* Snooks, Elmer W., Mildred and Bob; *Back row:* Buddy, Col. E.W., Gene, Sam and Honey.

Gottlieb and Louise made their home at Broylers Mills, where Elmer and Reed were born. On Feb 2, 1899 they bought a farm 3 miles north west of Versailles, on what is now Highway D. In about 1909-10 they built a large 2 story home and it is now owned by a grandson Carl Guenther. Gottlieb farmed about 450 acres of land and in later years was a cattle feeder.

Elmer attended grade school at Ball School, a half mile north of their home. Having had a sun stroke at a young age farming was out, so he went to work at the Bank of Versailles in Nov. 1913, and attended advance math classes at Versailles High School. He went into the Army-Quarter Master Corps in May 1918 and received his honorable discharge March 1919, returning to work at the bank. On Dec. 12, 1920, he married Mildred V. Lumley born on May 20, 1900 in the home of her grandparents Nancy T. Anthony and John Marshall McClanahan III in Versailles, Mo. She's the daughter of Dr. James M. Lumley b. Aug 3, 1867-d. Dec. 27, 1936 and Vallie B. McClanahan b. Aug 6 1877-d. Sept. 29, 1942. Mildred belongs to the D.A.R.

In 1922 Elmer became a partner in the insurance business. On Aug. 13, 1917 he joined the Versailles United Methodist Church serving on the board as chairman or member many years. In 1926 the Bank of Versailles closed it's doors for about 5 weeks, while he helped Mr. William Washburn, friends and depositors reorganize the bank, which survived the Crash of 1932 and continues to grow. In 1927, Elmer and Mildred bought a home on 304 Williamson St. At this time Vallie Louise (Buddy) born Oct. 7, 1921, Dr. Gene G born Sept. 4, 1924, and Bertha Mae (Honey) born Oct. 31, 1926 were the family. On May 18, 1928 Samuel McClanahan was born. Feb. 9, 1932 Col. Elmer William Jr. came along. In Dec of 1934 they lost a son Charles Reed.

In 1933 Elmer bought the Kavanaugh Abstract Co. Loyce Kathleen Snooks was born Oct. 1, 1940. On Nov. 10, 1942, Robert Anthony the youngest arrived.

In 1944, Elmer and his brother Reed bought the Antweiler Lumber Yard, which is now the Carpenter-Guenther Lumber Yard. He has served on the Versailles High School board for many years. The Lake of the Ozarks Ass., the City of Versailles board and city treasurer, a charter member of the Versailles Kiwanis Club, Versailles Chamber of Commerce, and

many other committee's through out his long career of community improvement.

In 1957 the Guenthers built their home at 411 Thurston, and on Feb. 26th of 1963 Elmer retired after 50 years with the Bank of Versailles, but still serves on the board as chairman.

His work shop, pool table, golfing, hunting, and fishing have taken up most of his time to date.

Mildred and Elmer enjoy their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and all 35 try to get together at least once a year.

## COLONEL ELMER W. GUENTHER, JR.

Col. Guenther is the Senior Air Force Advisor to the 127TFW, Selfridge ANG Base, Michigan. The 127 TFW is comprised of two F-100 Squadrons. The 107 TFW is located at Selfridge ANGB and the 103 TFW is located at Bradley IAP, Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Both units are presently converting to new aircraft.

Col. E.W. Guenther Jr., wife Jackie, Barry and Glenn

Col. Guenther was born in Versailles, MO on 9 February 1932. He graduated from high school in 1949 and attended Central Methodist College, Fayette, MO, for three years. He entered the Air Force in October 1952 as an Aviation Cadet, class 54ABC. In December 1953, he was commissioned. After completing gunnery training in the F-84E, he was assigned in May 1954 to a tactical reconnaisance squadron (T-6 aircraft) in Korea and performed duties as an Airborne and Ground FAC. In January 1955 he was transferred to the 35 TFS in Japan and flew the F-86. In May 1955 he was reassigned to the 506 SFW (SAC) at Tinker AFB, OK and flew F-84F aircraft. The Wing was equipped with F-100 aircraft in 1957 and became a Tactical Fighter Wing. Col Guenther was assigned in March 1959 to Luke AFB as an F-100 Gunnery Instructor. Between 1959 an 1962, he completed his BS Degree in Business Administration at Arizona State University by attending night school and "Bootstrap". In April 1962 he was assigned to a MAAG unit in Saudie Arabia and performed advisory duties and flew the F-86. He was reassigned to Luke AFB in 1963 and became the Flight Commander of the Instructor Upgrading Flight, a function of the Wing Stan/Eval Section, in 1964. In August 1967 he served a one-year tour in Vietnam flying the F-100. He flew 317 combat missions, received the Air Medal, 15 OLC, and The Distinguished Flying Cross, 1 OLC. In 1968 he was again assigned to Luke AFB as a Flight Commander and integrated into the regular Air Force. During this tour, he was a Flight Commander, Wing Training Analysis and Development (TAD) Officer, and in 1970 became Chief of TAD. In August 1970 he was selected by TAC to chair a study group and work with industry in creating the Instructional Systems Development (ISD) concept for aircrew training. In August 1971 he became the Director of Training at Davis-Monthan AFB and later the first A-7 ISD Chief. In this capacity he became interested in using ISD concepts for Maintenance Training. In May 1973 he was assigned to TAC as Chief of the Maintenance training, integration of simulator Maintenance management into TAC Logistics and improved tool control methods for the Command. In 1975 he was assigned as chief of the Maintenance Engineering Division. In this capacity he was responsible for resolving engineering problems for all aircraft and engines in the Tactical Forces. In addition, he headed special action groups to improve the Combat Readiness of fighter units. In November 1976 he was assigned to his present duty. Colonel Guenther has accumulated over 5000 hours total flying time with over 4600 hours in Fighter Aircraft. He is presently flying the A7D aircraft as an instructor pilot.

Col. Guenther is married to Jackie A. Guenther. They live on base with Mrs. Buna Jackson, Jackie's mother. A daughter, Mrs. Sandra Parker, is married to Major Charles Parker, a Fighter Pilot in the United States Air Force. A son, Barry Glenn was born July 16 1961 at Luke Air Force Base Arizona. He is a high school senior at Kemper Military School and College in Boonville Missouri. *Mrs. James Scrivner*

## GENE "G" GUENTHER

Born Sept. 5, 1924 in Versailles, Mo. the son of Elmer W. and Mildred V. Guenther, Gene Guenther attended Versailles Schools, graduating in 1942. During high school he worked part time for Fred Nichols Grocery Store, Foster-Bellamy Plumbing and Heating, and MFA Elevator Co. Lettering in music, he was the first president of the Future Farmers of America, Versailles Chapter. Gene attended Central Methodist College, Fayette, Mo. Enlisting in the Navy, April of 1943, he received a fleet appointment to Navy V-12 program, attending Georgia Tech., pre-engineering, the University of Miami, Deck officer training, returning to Georgia Tech. for Naval Reserve Officer Training. Upon his discharge from W.W. II, he returned to Georgia Tech. receiving his B.S. in Industrial Management, also lettering in music and was a member of Kappa Kigmia Fraternity, retiring from the Navy Reserve after 20 years, as a Lt. (J.G.).

Dr. Gene "G" Guenther

After college Gene worked three months for Kansas City Bifocal Company Versailles plant, then to International Harvestor Company Evansville, Ind., as plant equipment designer, and attending night school at University of Missouri, K.C. earning his Juris Doctorne degree, and was a Delta Thila Phi Member. In 1951, he went to Remington Arms Inc., Lake City Arsenel as Project Engineer, and later Ford Motor Company Ford Aircraft Div. as Plant Equipment Designer, and from 1953-1956 with Trans World Airline overhaul Base as Engineer. He was one year with Westinghouse Electric Co., Aviation Gas Turbine Div., as Engineer, then three years with Bendix Corp. as Engineer Special Projects. At this time he

traveled extensively throughout the United States and seven other countries.

In March of 1960, inspired by the recent admission of Alaska to statehood, he bought a large truck, packed his belongings and set out for Alaska. His first job was as owners representative and field engineer for the erection of a five story modern New Providence Hospital, Anchorage.

Gene then worked for the Alaskan Air Command as industrial engineer studying various bases for improvement of work methods and manpower. In 1965, he built a major addition to his Anchorage home. In April of 1966 he was mechanical engineer for the Alaskan Communication Region, to provide communications and early warning to the Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Command Post. In 1972, he was transfered back to the Air Command as Chief Mechanical Engineer.

Gene is a 36 year born again Christian, with many years of dedicated service and attendance to United Methodist Church. Gene supports many church projects, childrens homes, the blind, colleges, and many others. Recently he served on the building committee, as mechanical designer, construction management and inspector for the new addition to the Saint John United Methodist Church near Anchorage. He has been active in scouting work, as den chief for Cubs, a patrol leader, sea scout, assistant scout master, scout master, explorer, explorer scout advisor and sea-scout skipper/advisor. He enjoys boating and fishing.

Gene has never married, enjoys traveling, but his family ties to his parents, brothers, sisters, and many nieces and nephews, calls Morgan County his home. *by Mrs. James Scrivner*

## JOHANN ADAM FRIEDRICH GUENTHER

Johann Adam Friedrich Guenther was born Feb. 22, 1823, at Naila, Oberfranken district, Bavaria Germany, sailing to New York, 17 years of age, about 1840, to avoid required military service. He apparently met on board ship and traveled with the Gottlieb B. Frisch family to Missouri. Gottlieb Frisch b. Sept. 7, 1789 at Koeleda (Callida) Prussia; d. March 13, 1862 married in Germany May 26, 1816 to Louisa M. Gerhart b. April 20, 1793 in Koeleda d. Sept. 12, 1876, both are buried at Boylers Mills, Mo. Fred worked for the Frischs for seven years before marrying their daughter, Christiane Therese on Nov. 5, 1847 in Cole Co. Mo. Therese was born Merseburg,

Fredrich and Teresa (Frisch) Guenther. Gottlieb Guenther in arms.

Reunion 1896 — Friedrich Guenther children

Gotteib Guenther — to left on second row, wife Louise in front of him.

Germany on Oct. 9, 1827 d. May 19,1881. Fred d. Feb. 16, 1887. They also were buried at Boylers Mill and their graves being moved later to Sedalia, Mo.

Fred could not resist the cry of gold — In July of 1849, he made the overland trip across the "Great American Desert" and staked a claim, returned home for a few weeks in Oct. of 1850 to see his family and returned to work his claim, and no one in the family knew if he had made the return journey safely. Fred returned home three years later via the long, slow boat trip around the tip of South America, bought land southwest of the Mill in Benton Co. and built a two-story house near the Morgan Co. line, near the still on his farm. At this time three separate mills, powder, grist, and whiskey were operated in the area by the Frisch's and Guenthers. About 1865 Fred helped build the two-story front on the Frisch home, similar in design to the one he had built for his family. During the Civil War Fred fought for the Union, and around 1880 he helped build the new mill with his brother-in-laws. He was able to give each of his children $3000, and by about 1897 the Guenther brothers owned around 600 acres of land in and around the Mill site. Children of Fred and Therese: [1]Augusta Marguerita b.April 19, 1849, d. Nov. 20, 1926 md:------ Gerhardt, their children: Gussie, Louise, Minnie, Maude, Emma, Will and Otto. [2]Jeanette Amalia b. April 17, 1850 d. Feb. 2, 1911, md: Henry K. Klinge, their children: Fred, Hattie and Carl. Fred had three children; Fred, Heinrich and Jeanette. [3]Frederick Herman b. July 15, 1851 d. Jan 3, 1932, one son Karl. [4]Louise Marie b. March 20, 1854 d. Oct. 18, 1916, Md: George Walther of J.C. Mo. [5]Hermann Frederick b. Jan. 18, 1856 d. June 17, 1913 Md.: Bertha Arnhold. their children: Walter, Otto, Will, Winnie, Roy and Lester. Walter and Otto died young. Will Md. Bessie Eppes and their Children: Birdie Bucknell R.R.#, Gravois Mills, Mo. Russell, Francis and Lester of 304 E. 7th Fulton, Mo. Winnie Md. George Norvell their Children: Harold, Mary, Elizabeth and Margaret Jean. Roy had no children, Lester had two: Ralph and Mary Louise. [6]Carl Albert b. Feb. 10, 1857 d. Aug. 20, 1936, one son Paul who had three sons Carl, Paul and Bert. [7] Theresa Christine b. Nov. 15, 1858 d. July 7, 1891, md. Christopher Arnhold their children: Hugo, had one daughter, Alma never married and Dora md. Walter Norfleet and had one son Carl of Jefferson City, Mo. [8]Wilhelm Anreas b. Dec. 5, 1860 d. March 23, 1943, one daughter. [9]Benjamin Giegel b. May 29, 1862 d. May 5, 1885. [10]Paulina Theodora (Lena) b. Feb. 6, 1864 d. Oct. 24, 1939, md Will Hastings. [11]Gottlieb George b. Oct. 9, 1865 d. March 14, 1946, md Louise Schaper, their children Hugo, Elmer, and Reed. Elmers children: Vallie, Gene, Bertha, Sam, Elmer, Loyce and Robert. Reeds children: Carl and Ben Lee. [12]Gustave Adolph b. Oct. 30, 1867 d. Nov. 1954 md Pink, had one son Keith, who had Keith Jr. and Bernard. [13]Bertha Maria b. April 29, 1871 d. July 31, 1946 never married. *Bertha Mae Scrivner*

## ROBERT ANTHONY GUENTHER

Robert A. was born Nov. 10, 1942 in Versailles, Mo. the youngest child of Elmer W. and Mildred Lumley Guenther. Bob, to his family and friends, attended Versailles elementary school and Versailles High School two years, transferring to Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo. graduating from Junior College at Wentworth in 1963. In the fall of 1963 he attended Central Mo. State University at Warrensburg, Mo. receiving his degree in Business Administration June of 1965.

On August 24, 1963, he was united in marriage to Patricia Ann White, born March 3, 1943 in Versailles, Mo. the youngest daughter of Orlyn and Nora Hubbard White. After Bob and Pat had graduated from C. M. S. they moved to Independence, Mo. where Bob was a Salesman for Modern American Life Insurance Co. He was transferred to Department Manager in the main office at Springfield, Mo. in 1966. In November of 1967 he joined the United Liberty Life Insurance Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio as office manager. In ten years, with hard work and long hours, Bob has climbed the ladder of achievement to Senior Vice President of his company.

Bob and Pat have three children: Lisa Michelle born September 5, 1966 in Springfield, Mo. Gretchen Ann born May 7, 1969 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mark Christopher born December 19, 1971 in Cincinnati.

## SAM M. GUENTHER

Samuel McClanahan Guenther, son of Elmer W. Guenther b. June 14, 1895 Broylers Mills, Mo. and Mildred V. Lumley b. May 20, 1900 in Versailles, Mo., was the fourth child and second son born May 18, 1928 at Versailles, Mo. Sam attended the Versailles School District at Versailles and graduated May 1946. On June 6, 1946 he joined the U.S. Navy, receiving his honorable discharge on April 4, 1948. He attended Georgia Tech. University in the state of Georgia for one term in the summer of 1948, transfering to Central Methodist College at Fayette, Mo. On August 11, 1951 he received his BS degree in Business and Economics. From 1951 to 1955 Sam was an Industrial Engineer at Remington Arms Co. in Independence, Mo. The Board of Directors of the Bank of Versailles ask Sam to return and take a position in the Bank assuming some of his Father's responsibilities.

Jan and Sam Guenther
*Standing:* Robin, Diane, Ann - 1975.

On November 29, 1958 he married Janet (Jan) Downey (Lawrence) b. August 3, 1938. The daughter of Charles Lawerence and Roberta D. Fizer. In 1959 they bought a home at 410 North Hunter. During this time their three daughters, Robin Renee b. July 7, 1960, Diane b. April 7, 1962, and Janet Ann (Annie) b. March 19, 1966 were born.

Sam is active in the Versailles Chamber of Commerce and served as president in 1961, he has served as a board member of the Gravois Arm Assn. (now Highway 5 Assn.). Sam is active in the Lake of the Ozark Assn. serving on the board of directors since the early 1960's and has served as treasurer in the past. He is a Kiwanis member and has served as a board member since 1955. He is presently serving as he has for many years as the Morgan County RII School Board Treasurer and the City of Versailles Treasurer.

In 1967 Sam and Jan bought their home at 600 Della Avenue, where they reside at the present. At this time he is Executive Vice President and Board member of the Bank of Versailles and a partner of the Guenther Insurance Agency. The family enjoys their lake home at the beautiful Gravois Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks. Sam is an avid sportsman, he enjoys fishing, hunting, boating, skiing and being with nature as much as possible.

## BEATRICE SHERRILL GUNN

Miss Beatrice Sherrill, known to friends and family as "Miss Bea", was born at Sherrill, Mo. in Texas County Missouri, in 1890. She came to Versailles in 1918 after her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. Coy and Vivian Sherrill Roberts came to Versailles. Dr. Roberts was an optometrist in Versailles for many years.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Greg Gunn

"Miss Bea" worked for several years as cashier at the now defunct First National Bank on the north side of the courthouse square in Versailles, Mo.

In 1932 she was married to Dr. W. Gregory Gunn and they lived in an apartment above the new Gunn Clinic on North Monroe Street in Versailles, one block north of the square. Mrs. Gunn assisted Dr. Gunn at the clinic.

She was an active member of the Versailles Christian Church.

Dr. Gunn's first marriage was to Kate Hardy, born Aug. 21, 1888-died Nov. 25, 1918. They had one daughter, Florence, born 1911, died 1932. Dr. Gunn and his second wife had no children.

Dr. Gunn died of a heart attack in 1948 at the age of 63 years after making a night call on a patient. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Gunn moved to Rolla, Mo. where she lived for five years before moving to Willcox, Ariz. She died in Willcox in 1971 at the age of 82. She is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## STARLING GUNN

Starling Gunn, son of Daniel and Jerusha (Winn) Gunn, was born November 3, 1797, in Caswell County, North Carolina, approximately 150 years after his Scottish great, great grandfather, Thomas Gunn I, had settled in Virginia. Starling moved to Robertson County, Tennessee, with his parents, sisters, brothers and other relatives. His first wife, Nancy Dalton, died after having 4 children; he then married her first cousin Carolina Jamima Marshall; both wives were granddaughters of Peter Winn. Starling, Jamima, the older children and nephew William Carroll Gunn came to Morgan County in 1840; he settled in the area where Hopewell Church is, later moving near the junction of Highway 52 and E. Starling died in 1863 and Carolina in 1864. Starling's children were: Gabriel, moved to California; Catherine, died young after marrying her cousin William C. Gunn; John, married Janie Day and left Morgan County; Andrew Jackson married Mary Freeman. Their children were Oswell, William, and Nancy

Ephraim Gunn

Sallie (Madole) Gunn

(died as young children); Earnest, died at age 18; and Gabriel M., married Ella Thruston; Permelia married Newton Taylor; children were John, Thomas, and Caroline Taylor; Ephraim married Sallie Madole; children were Frank and William, who both died in infancy; John Russell, married Susan Price; Beverly, married Anna Mobley; Laura, married David Kidwell; Asa, married Elizabeth Duff; Jamima, married Robert Mobley; Henry, married first Ida Potter, second Frances Knowell; H.D. "Dick", married Daisy Jones. When Ephraim and Sally married her father, Samuel Madole, gave them part of the land he had patented. That land has remained in the same family, owned now by Paul Gunn; the house that Ephraim built is being used as a barn. Ephraim owned the first threshing machine in Morgan County; Henry married Ann Crane; their son was John L. Gunn; Mary married James Saling; Frances died age 2; Tennessee married James Tindell; moved to California. Children were Jamima and John who died young; Sarah, married a Bradshaw; and Calvin Tindell; Mack married Perlina Hull; Oscar married Melissa (Madole) Jones; moved to Oklahoma. Children were Rial, married Mary Richmond; Garland, married Lou Taylor, and Ann, married a Taylor; Julia married Elisha Skaggs, moved to Oklahoma. Children were Geralda, died infancy; Sarah married William Robinson; Mary married J.N. Thompson; and an adopted son Harry; Nancy married George Pemberton, moved to Miller County. Children were Laura, married John Pemberton; Frank married Martha Steen; George married Daisy Williams; Fred married Carrie Pennington; James married Sara Lane; Edward married Mamie Wells.

Through the generations in America many Gunns were doctors, ministers and politicians, and Morgan County Gunns continued this tradition. Three generations of Gunns have been doctors — Gabriel M., his sons A.J. and Gregory, and his grandson Jack. Ephraim was ordained a minister at Big Rock Baptist Church in 1876 and served until his death in 1889. Ephraim was Presiding Judge of Morgan County Court; his son, H.D. was Judge of County Court and was Mayor of Versailles at his death in 1957. Another son, Henry represented the 14th District as State Senator several terms.

Although most of the descendants of Starling Gunn have moved from Morgan County, these are known to be still living here: Dr. Jack Gunn; Mrs. George Bennington; Mrs. Russell Ferrin; Mrs. John Hoag; Charles Gunn; Paul Gunn and son Ralph; Rex Gunn; Mrs. T.W. Bland; Curtis Bland and children; Mrs. James McGinnis and children; Mrs. Raymond Riggs and son; Mrs. Kenneth McGinnis and children; Mrs. James Jacobs and children; Mrs. Damon Shewmaker; Roger Bland; and Mrs. Clifford Hayes. *Gwendolyn Shoemacker*

## WILLIAM GREGORY GUNN M.D.

William Gregory Gunn was born in Versailles, Mo. on March 25, 1885, a son of Dr. Gabriel M. and Ella Gunn. He died of an apparent heart attack on Jan. 2, 1948 after making a professional house call on a patient, Mrs. Gussie Fuller on North Monroe Street in Versailles.

After graduation from Versailles High School, he attended and graduated from Barnes Medical College in St. Louis, in 1908. He had many post graduate courses in lung disease and was a member of the American College of Chest Physicians.

Shortly after graduation with a M.D. degree, Dr. Gunn went to Florence, Mo. where he practiced his profession for two years. There he was stricken with tuberculosis and went to Uvalde, Texas to regain his health. He was a member of the staff of the tuberculosis hospitals maintained by the Typographical Union and the Modern Woodmen of America. He returned to Versailles in 1916 but,it was not until 1923 that he was able to resume his medical practice.

Together with his brother, Dr. Aubrey Jackson Gunn, they established the Gunn Clinic in Versailles. Dr. Gunn also had a sister, Walta.

Dr. William Gregory Gunn was married to Katherine (Kate) Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Hardy of Versailles, who died in 1917 during the flu epidemic. Their only daughter, Florence, died in 1932 after a prolonged illness.

On Feb. 22, 1933 he married Miss Beatrice Sherrill of Versailles.

Dr. Gunn was a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Valley Medical Society, Missouri State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was a member of the Versailles Methodist Church, the Modern Woodman of America and the Morgan County chapter of the Tuberculosis Association.

Dr. Gunn, both his wives and daughter are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

He was considered one of the best doctors in the state, particularly in the area of chest diseases.

## CALLIE HANBY GULICK

Callie Ann Hanby, born in 1886, married Roger Gulick in 1913. They lived their entire life as farmers in Morgan county near Akinsville. They were the parents of two daughters.

Gertie Lampton, Callie Gulick, Grace Willingham, Jap Hanby

Marie, married Charley Mabbot and had one son Charles. They now live near Sedalia.

Alpha married Vincel Shrout. They were former residents of Morgan county, but now reside near Sedalia.

## THOMAS S. GULICK

Thomas S. Gulick is a direct descendent of Hendrick Van Gulick who was the first Gulick to come to America. Hendrick Van Gulick arrived in New Amsterdam, N.Y. in 1653 from Holland with his wife and two children and settled at Graves End, Long Island. Thus there have been Gulicks in America for more than three centuries. Over the years the family grew and one branch settled at Manasses, Virginia in 1750.

Leota and Thomas Gulick

Friench Simpson Gulick and his wife, Anne Wynne Gulick, moved from Virginia to Morgan County in 1882. They settled in the Mt. Carmel area where they lived as farmers for the remainder of their lives. Nine children were born to this family. They were Mamie, William, Roger, Josie, Platt, Mary, Thomas, Naomi, and Lelia.

Thomas (Tom) S. Gulick, son of Friench Gulick, remained in Morgan County. In 1918 he married Leota Igo, the daughter of Leonidas and Margaret Beamen Igo who were also long time residents of Morgan County.

In 1923 Tom and Leota Gulick bought a farm on Richland Creek not far from Glensted. A part of this farm was known as "The Devil's Backbone". They remained on this farm until 1967 when they retired and moved to Sedalia, Mo. where they now reside. Three children were born to the Tom Gulick Family: Wanda, Melvin, and Janice.

Wanda Gulick married Albert David and they had one daughter, Deanna, who is married and lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. Albert David died in 1957. Wanda married Mortimer Hopper and resided in Colorado Springs. Mortimer Hopper died in 1965 and Wanda died in 1974. Prior to her death, Wanda worked as a secretary at the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs.

Melvin Gulick married Esther Meisenheimer of Pilot Grove, Mo. She is a registered nurse. Melvin taught elementary schools for fifteen years in Morgan County. Of these fifteen years, four were at Lone Star School, six at Ball School, one at Berkstresser School, and four at Syracuse School. He moved to Sedalia and taught special education there for eigh-

teen years. Melvin is now retired and he and his wife live on a farm in Pettis County.

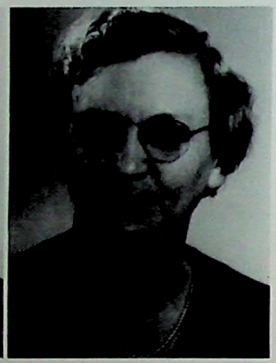
Janice Gulick married Dean McDaniel of California, Mo., and they live on a farm near Columbia. Dean is a carpenter and Janice works as a secretary at the University of Missouri. They have two children — Gary who resides in Kansas City, Kan. and attends Johnson County Community College in Olathe, and Larry who attends school at the University of Missouri.

Although the Gulicks have scattered and no longer reside in Morgan County, their heritage is deeply rooted in that area and they are proud to have shared in the growth and development of the county. *Submitted by Melvin Gulick*

## AUBREY JACKSON GUNN M.D.

Aubrey Jackson Gunn was born in Versailles, Mo. Oct. 7, 1880, a son of Gabriel M. and Ella Thruston Gunn.

Dr. A.J. Gunn



Alma (Clodfelter) Gunn

On Oct. 23, 1907 he married Josephine Biersach, daughter of Carl W. and Suzanne Biersach. They had one daughter, Martha (Mrs. Bill Carr now of Eldon, Mo.). Josephine died Feb. 6, 1914 and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Aubrey Jackson Gunn received his education in the Versailles schools and received his M.D. degree from Barnes Medical College in St. Louis in 1904. He began the practice of medicine in Versailles and was joined by his brother, Dr. William Gregory Gunn, in 1908.

Dr. Gunn married his office nurse, Miss Alma Clodfelter, on Dec. 5, 1920. They had two sons, Jack, born March, 1923 at Versailles and George Gregory. Jack attended the Versailles schools and is a graduate of Westminster College at Fulton. He received his M.D. degree from Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis. He is on the staff of Gunn Clinic at Versailles.

George Gregory was born Feb. 17, 1927 in Versailles. He attended the Versailles schools and attended the college of arts and science, University of Missouri, Columbia, where he was a pre-med major. He received a B.S. degree in architecture from the University of Missouri in 1954 and is presently owner of the firm, Gregory Gunn, Architect, in St. Louis. He is not married.

Martha Gunn Carr and her husband, Bill Carr, of Eldon, Mo., have two children, Dr. Phillip Carr, a cardiologist in Springfield, Mo. and Susan Wahlbrink, of Eldon. Phillip and his wife, Alice Winegarner Carr, have three children, Katherine Ann, William Louis and Drury Gunn. Susan's children are Phillip, James and Richard Kent.

Jack Gunn married Marjorie Curry Lumpee in March, 1948. Their children are Steven Lewis Lumpee Gunn, of Columbia, who has a B.S. degree in geology and is manager of the nuclear reactor in Columbia. He married Sue Nelson, daughter of Floyd and Marguerite Short Nelson, who holds a M.A. degree in counselling. They live in Columbia; their children: David Nelson and Katherine Sue; Victoria Gunn, (now Mrs. Tom Barry) of Jefferson City, Mo., received her M.D. degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine. They have no children.

Martha Gunn (Mrs. Charles Gaines Spangler) of Fort Bragg, N.C., holds a B.A. degree in anthropology and is a captain in the U.S. Army. Her husband is also a captain in the Army. They have no children.

Andrew Jackson Gunn, of Columbia, holds a M.A. degree in geology. He is not married; Gregory Floyd Gunn, of Columbia, holds a M.A. degree in physical geography. He is not married.

Dr. Aubrey Jackson (A.J.) Gunn died on May 8, 1959 and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. His second wife, Alma, died in 1951 and is also buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Dr. A.J. Gunn was honored at the Morgan County fair on Aug. 5, 1949 for 45 years of medical service in Morgan County and delivering some 3,000 babies in the county. He was the last of the old time country general practitioners in Morgan County. He took an active interest in every civic project and gave generously of his money and time to promote the economic welfare of Versailles and Morgan County. He was called "the beloved doctor of Morgan County" probably because of his kind, jovial personality.

## ANNIE MARGARET HAGENAH

Annie Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lueder Steffens born Feb. 5, 1837 at Bremerboerde, Germany, emigrated to the United States of America, arriving at Cole Camp, Missouri Benton County in 1857. She was married to Daniel Hagenah and they had one son son John born in 1859. Daniel died in 1859, and a year later Annie married John Wm. Mangels. They had no children.

*L-r:* Dr. Herman Hagenah, John, Emma (Hagenah) Viebrock, Bertha, Fred and Sena Viebrock.

John Hagenah was married to Bertha Riefesel who was born Oct. 20, 1862 at Bebra, Morgan County, daughter of Henry Reifessel and wife Metha nee Brunjes.

They were the parents of four children. Fred, who was married to Frieda Kroencke, Cole Camp, Missouri. They were the parents of four children, Rhinhardt, Rufus, Violet (Mrs. Ross Miller, Harrisonville), Waneta (Mrs. Warren Miller, Kansas City).

Sena, who married John Viebrock, Cole Camp, and they had eight children. Emil, Richard, Clarence (deceased), Selma (Mrs. Florence Keller), Alvin, Reno, Cletus and Valeta (Mrs. Edwin Brandes) all of Cole Camp.

Emma, who married R.L. Viebrock, and they were the parents of five children. Marie (Mrs. Walter Holsten) Mildred (Mrs. Herbert Nolting), Irma (Mrs. Raymond Kroeschen), Calvin and Emmagene (Mrs. Edgar Witte) all of Stover.

R.L. Viebrock and wife, Irma

Dr. Herman Hagenah, who married Clara Vickrey, they had no children. Dr. Hagenah died March 28, 1978. Mrs. Hagenah now lives in Lenexa, Kansas. *Submitted by Irma Kroeschen*

## RALPH D. HALL

Ralph D. Hall arrived in Morgan County in March of 1937, with his wife, Edna, and three daughters. They came from California, Mo.

Ralph Hall and Children
*Front, l-r:* Sharon, Joanne, Ralph, Marjorie and Ruth; *Back:* Courtland, Morris, Mark and Mollie.

Ralph was born in Moniteau County, June 23, 1901, the son of Douglas E. Hall and Mollie C. Rohrback. He was married to Esther Weisser in 1921. Four children were born of this union: Charlotte (deceased 1928), Ruth, Marjorie, and Joanne. Esther died in 1932. Ralph was married to Edna E. Short in 1935. They had six children who were all born after their move to Versailles: Kent, Sharon, Courtland (Corky), Mollie, Mark and Morris.

Ralph was employed by Missouri Utilities Co. when he came to Morgan County. He later became local manager of that company. In 1949, he terminated his employment with them to devote full time to Versailles Appliance Co., a business which he had initiated in 1938 to supplement his income. This was the time when electricity was soon to be made available to rural Morgan County. Ralph wired many of the rural homes for the first time. Many of them were wired for only a drop light, with no outlets.

Ralph was a veteran of World War I. He received his 50 year pin Nov. 4, 1969, for continuous membership in the American Legion. He was a former member of the Lion's Club, a member of the Methodist Church and Morgan County Historical Society. He retired in 1966. After his retirement, he spent much of his time collecting stamps and searching for Indian artifacts. Ralph died in December, 1976.

The children of Ralph Hall live in many areas of the United States. None have chosen to remain in Morgan County, but all think of it as "home".

Ruth Crippen lives in Belton, Mo. and is an underwriter for Bruce Dodson Ins. Co.

Marjorie Latham lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, but moved to Omaha, Neb. in late January, 1979.

Joanne married Ted Gray. They have three daughters: Dianne, Linda, and Nancy. They live in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Ted is a retired postal employee and Joanne is an R.N. for the Poplar Bluff Schools.

Kent married Suzanne Tinsley. They have two children, Sheri and Douglas. They live in Stevens Point, Wisc. where Kent is Associate Professor of Biology at Wisconsin University.

Sharon married Wm. "Bill" Scherbak. They have two children, Susan and Billy. They live in San Diego, Calif., where Bill is product manager for Cal-Biochem Corp. Sharon is associated with Tarbel Realtors.

Courtland married Julianna Heller and they have one child, Bryan. Courtland is an M.D. and has recently located in Jamesville, Va. "Ann" is an M.D. and has one year of residency to complete.

Mollie married Nelson Allen. They live in Joplin, Mo. Mollie is an elementary teacher and Nelson is an attorney for Workmen's Compensation.

Mark is presently geology instructor at Chico State College, California. He plans to accept employment with a geological consulting firm in Alaska in the spring of 1979.

Morris is a graduate student in Geology at University of Missouri at Columbia, specializing in hydrology.

Ralph's widow, Edna (Short) Hall, is a native of Morgan County and continues to live in Versailles where she is employed by Missouri Division of Family Services. *by Edna E. Hall*

## RUSSELL P. HALL

The Russell Pritchett Hall family moved to Versailles, Missouri, in July of 1933 from Peoria, Illinois. The family included his wife, Ruth Hoyland Hall, and two children, Russell P. Hall, Jr., and Marilyn Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell P. Hall

The Hall family had its roots in Macon County, Illinois. Earlier Hall and Pritchett ancestors had moved to this central Illinois area from Lexington, Kentucky, during the Civil War. Russell graduated from the University of Illinois College of Agriculture in 1914. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army for service in Europe during World War I; and, discharged a Captain of Cavalry, he returned after the war to his Macon County home. He met Ruth Hoyland, a young school teacher and descendent of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. They were married on October 14, 1920, and began to farm just before the crash of the 1920's.

During the difficult years of the great depression when jobs were scarce, Russell was employed by a Quincy, Illinois bank. His job was to manage and to try to sell the bank's many distressed farms in Morgan County, Missouri. Russell was a success in his real-estate business, and the family moved to Versailles to stay. Later two more sons were born to the family — Charles Robert Hall and James Gordon Hall.

After struggling through the depression years, Russell became interested in selling resort land on the Lake of the Ozarks; and, after World War II, he became very active in the development of lakefront property. Russell was active in his business well past his 80th year, and the Realtor firm bearing his name continues in Morgan County to the present day. One of his favorite projects was the commercial development of Jacob's Cave, a Morgan County landmark tourist attraction.

Russell P. Hall died June 22, 1976, and Ruth H. Hall continues to live in the old family home in Versailles.

Russell P. Hall, Jr., graduated from the University of Illinois after serving as an Air Force flying officer in Europe during World War II. He married Ann Earp of Versailles, and they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. There they raised three children — Dr. Russell P. Hall, III, M.D., Mrs. Pamela Wehrman, and Mrs. Elizabeth Deeker.

Marilyn Hall graduated from the University of Illinois after serving in the U.S. Army during the war. She later married Charles K. Flynt of Chicago, Illinois, and they moved to Tucson, Arizona. Their children are Dr. Patricia Flynt, Ph. D., and sons Tom, Jim, and Bob.

Dr. Charles Robert Hall, M.D., graduated from the University of Missouri. He married Barbara Gerber of Morgan County and practices family medicine in Versailles. Their children are Cynthia, Brian, and Carole.

Dr. James Gordon Hall, M.D., graduated from the University of Missouri and married Janifer Spears Wallace of North Hollywood, California. They have one son, James. Dr. Hall practices psychiatric medicine near his home in Laguna Beach, California.

Russell P. Hall was well known in Morgan County for his honesty in business dealings, his interest in the education of his children, and his faith in the future development of the Lake of the Ozarks. He left his mark on Morgan County.
*Robert Hall*

## ORRIN HAMLIN

Orrin Hamlin and wife came to Morgan County, Mo. 1880. He built these Versailles buildings: *Old Opera House, Christian Church and Methodist Church.* The family moved to Kansas City 1914.

Orrin Hamlin fought in Union Regiment. His father was born 1847; grandfather John Hamlin born 1827, and the great Grandfather was Wm. Hamlin Jr. of Bucyrus, Ohio.

Mrs. Edith Hamlin Swanke of Kansas City, Mo. has this Hamlin Family Bible. *Ilene Yarnell*

## FRIEDRICH WILHELM HAMPY

Friedrich Wilhelm Hampy was born in Germany on November 16, 1816. His naturalization papers were dated April 30, 1848. He married Christine Clare Engel Wessler on December 10, 1844.

They settled on a farm in the Black Jack Community, in Richland Township, in northwest Morgan County. They were

Friedrich Wilhelm Hampy, born 1816 in Germany
Christine Wessler Hampy, born 1822

the parents of eight children. One set of twins and the oldest two children died in infancy and early childhood. Their four other children were Johann Friedrich, Harmen Wilhelm, Luys (Louis) Edward, and Heinrich Philip.

Philip Hampy, born 1862
Katie Hoehns Hampy

Johann Hampy married Mary Yost of Pilot Grove, Missouri. In 1918, they moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Harmen Hampy married Sophia Yost in 1891. They lived for awhile in Sedalia, Missouri. Harmen and Sophia were at the home of his parents, Friedrich and Christine, when both parents died a few hours apart on New Year's Day, 1892. They succumbed to pneumonia, in those days referred to as "La Grippe", very similar to the influenza, which caused so many deaths in 1918, 1919, and 1920. Harmen, the son, died of the same illness six days later.

Arthur Hampy, Harmen and Sophia's son, was born in April, three months after Harmen's death. Two of Arthur's children and their families now live in the Cole Camp and Io-

nia areas; Mrs. Ervin (Evelyn) Meyer and William (Bill) Hampy.

Louis Edward Hampy married Ollie Mitchell of near the old Hampy home and later lived south of Smithton, Missouri on a farm. They were the parents of five sons, the oldest two dying in infancy. The other three sons were Roy is deceased; Ernest lives in Houston, Texas and Logan in Porterville, California.

Later Louis Hampy married Delany Randoll; and they were the parents of one son, Farest. Farest, with his wife Ellen (Ellison) live on the old Louis Hampy farm near Florence, Missouri.

Farest and Ellen had three children. C.L. Hampy married Jewel Williams from Fristoe, Missouri. They have four children and live at Liberty, Missouri.

Cleo (Bill) Hampy married Geneva Page of Florence. They live in Florence and have four children.

Carolyn Hampy married Vincent Sterner of Kansas City Mo. They have five children and live in Kansas City.

Heinrich Philip Hampy married Katie Hoehns, daughter of the late Herman and Margaret Hoehns. They lived with Philip's parents the first years of their married life and their oldest son, Harry William, was born in the parental home. Later Philip and Katie purchased a farm a few miles north where their younger son, Homer Herman, was born and reared. He was a farmer and auctioneer.

After the death of his parents, Homer and his wife, Mabel, daughter of the late Louis and Emma Bohling of Stover, bought the Philip Hampy farm and lived there until ill health forced them to sell and move to Indianola, Nebraska to be near their daughter, Dorothy June (Hampy) Duckworth. Mabel lives in Indianola. Homer died there in 1975.

Harry married Emelia Rages, daughter of the late John and Mary (Bluhm) Rages. They purchased Harry's grandfather's farm (the old Herman Hoehns homestead) and he and Emelia lived there until their deaths in 1965 and 1967. They were the parents of three children, Melvin, Ira, and Marie. They attended Black Jack School.

Melvin Hampy married Ruth Cook. They have four children and live near Smithton, Missouri.

Ira Hampy married Rosalie Drake. They live at Warsaw, Missouri.

Marie Hampy married Frederich Brauer of Mora, who died in 1946. They had two sons, Fred and Harry. She later married Ernest Klindworth who died in 1971. She lives in Hermitage, Missouri. Fred , her son, lives in Warrensburg, Missouri and her youngest son, Harry, and his wife, Betty, now own the Harry Hampy farm near Florence, which has been in Harry's family for many generations and had been in the family over 100 years at the time of the Bicentennial in 1976.

Nearly one and one-half centuries have passed since the arrival of Friedrich Wilhelm Hampy from Germany to Morgan County, Missouri, and still some of his descendants live in that same community. *Marie (Hampy) Klindworth*

## JASPER NEWTON HANBY

Carl Warren and
Bernice (Hanby) Warren

Jasper Newton Hanby and wife, Effie Bowen - 1898

Jasper Newton Hanby, son of Cordelia Jane Moon and George Newton Hanby lived his entire life as a farmer in Morgan county, residing near Fortuna. Born in 1875 (died 1946), he married Effie Bowen in 1898. They had the following five children.

Earl (deceased), Jewel (deceased), Elvin of Fulton, Mo., Elsie Blankenship of Manteca, Calif. and Bernice Warren of Auburn, Wash.

## GEORGE NEWTON HANBY

George Newton Hanby married Cordelia Jane Moon. She was born 13 July 1853, daughter of Sarah Ann Akin Moon and Jasper Moon and a granddaughter of Shannon Akin and Kiturah.

Gertrude Hanby Lampton

Their children were: Sarah Alverna (1873—1936) married Tom McDaniel; Jasper Newton (1875-1946) married Effie Bowen; Orsino (1880- ) married Alma Houghton; Grace (1883- ) married Oscar Willingham; Callie (1886- ) married Roger Gulick; Gertrude (1888-1964) married Arthur Lampton; Emma (1878-1879).

*Left:* Cordelia Moon Hanby; Right: Dennis Moon's mother.

Wilma Lampton, Versailles and Hilma Lampton Hull are the only Hanby descendents living in Morgan County 1978.

## ISAAC HANKINS

Isaac Hankins was born in August, 1860, and died Sept. 26, 1945. He married Josephine Burns, born Dec. 10, 1869, on Jan. 29, 1891. They had one daughter, Dora Francis, who married Wes Sumner. The Hankins family came to Missouri from Mississippi. Mrs. Hankins was born near Climax Springs.

They lived on a farm along the Osage River, until the construction of Bagnell Dam and the Lake of the Ozarks. They moved to Morgan County in 1930, and lived here until their deaths. *by Josephine Sumner Colvin*

## JOHN HENRY HANRAHAN

John Henry Hanrahan; son of Dennis Hanrahan and Hannorah Collins, born in Collaclarig, Parish of Listowel, County of Kerry, Ireland (Sept. 6, 1826-June 3, 1911) married Sarah Ann Richards in New York. John went to a military academy in Ireland, came to America at 17 years old. He homesteaded a place in southern Morgan County, was a Justice of the Peace at Proctor, active in schools and church (Old St. Patrick's where he and Sarah are buried). He helped people with all kinds of agriculture problems and knew much about animal husbandry, was known as "Uncle John". Their 6 children, John, Hannorah Cathrine "Kate" (10-28-1871), Richard Bernard "Dick" (7-17-1875 - 1-22-61), William Henry, Tom, and Mary Susan.

*Richard "Dick"*, lived most of his life in Morgan County, Married Sarah Ann Bowman 1-19-1903 in Old St. Patrick's Church, where both are buried. She was a mid-wife and he was a farmer. Their children; Edna Irene (2-16-1904:11-13,1910) John Alex (3-18-1905: 4-22-05).

*Royce Richard*, (9-3-1906: 5-21-1973) married Angella Nellie Borowiak, 2-14-1929. Children, Loretta Teresa (4-26-1931) married Arthur Hessler, 4-18-1953: Children Kristopher (4-16-1954) married 1-18-74; 1 child, Shannon (4-7-74); Richard,

John Henry Hanrahan

(2-9-56) Michelle, (7-12-58) Kimberly, (4-18-60: 7-18-76)Karen, (9-4-64) and Sandra, (4-20-67) Richard Eugene, (April, 1935-lived 1 day) Lawrence Edward, (8-27-37) Joanne, (7-1-39) married Charles Comperatto, 11-3-57; 2 children; Donna, (9-11-58) and Mark (3-28-60)

Richard B. and Sarah Ann (Bowman) Hanrahan

*Paul*, (4-28-08: 11-5-74) married Stella Bellamy, 11-29-33, at Old St. Patrick's Church; 3 children, Eileen, (1-22-35) married Robert Dawson, 9-7-57. their 5 boys: Steven Paul (6-10-58), David Allen (8-26-60), Daniel Lee (3-27-62) and twins Donald Robert and Ronald Edward (2-4-65) Barbara Ann (9-8-36: 7-13-53) Robert Andrew (12-9-38) married Mary Bonnaccorsi, 11-19-61, 2 children, Barbara Ann (8-30-62) and Robert Anthony (7-22-65)

*Frank Edward* (12-5-09: 9-10-70, buried at Old St. Patrick's) married Evie Croy, 11-14-33, 2 children, (Roy) Gene (8-14-34) married Dorothy Gardner, 9-28-57. (she had 1 daughter by previous marriage, Lybbie Friedly) their 5 children, Paul Gene, (11-30-59: 12-4-59 buried at Old St. Patrick's) Richard Edward, (12-15-60) married Cathy J. Bradley, 5-19-79, at Versailles. Lynda Claudine, (12-1-61), Brenda Lucille, (1-29-63), Leatha Loraine, (7-21-70). Gene lives at Gravois Mills, has "Hanrahan Construction".

(Lillian) Claudine, (11-4-38) married James Welpman, 1 child E. Charlene, (6-6-54); second marriage married Kenneth Fischer (son of Martin Fischer, Stover, Mo.) 8-2-58, 3 daughters, Paula Marie, (11-15-60), Laurie Dawn, (4-24-62) and Gena R., (9-27-68).

*Margaret* known as "Margaurite" (4-22-12) married William Parkson, 6-24-32, 3 sons: Bernard Franklin, (10-4-34), Micheal, (5-16-36) married Elizabeth Warren—1 child, Paula Michelle, (12-17-68) James William, (4-9-46: 11-20-69)

*Lucille (Mamie) twin,*(5-6-19) married Joseph Bartling, 10-23-36 at Old St. Patrick's, 3 children: twins, James Richard and Jerome Adolph (12-18-39: 12-23-39) Joseph Arman, (6-19-42) married Sandra, 12-26-66.

*Loraine (Alice) twin,* (5-6-19) married Paul Frazier, 11-10-45: 2 children, Margaret Ann, (7-28-46) married Carl Edward Harris, 9-3-66, — 2 children Kristen, (12-24-67) Casey Edward, (11-19-73) David Edward, (2-7-48 in Versailles, Mo.)

*Twins: Joseph and Mary* (2-15-18 died same day,buried at Old St. Patrick's)

*William Peter* (2-24-28 still born, buried at Old St. Patrick's)

*by Dorothy Hanrahan*

## RIAL MALLORY HARGETT M.D.

Rial Mallory Hargett, M.D., was born Feb. 27, 1831 in August, Bracken County, Ky. son of Sampson and Lucy Booth Hargett. Rial came to Missouri after the Civil War and he and his wife settled near Eugene, Mo. Sarah died shortly afterward and Dr. Hargett married Nancy Virginia (Jenny) Brown in 1871.

Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Hargett - 50th. Aniversary

Jenny Brown Hargett was born in Morgan County, Mo. Nov. 3, 1841. Rial died Sept. 23, 1917 and Jenny died Nov. 14, 1923. They are buried in Salem Cemetery at Eldon, Mo.

Their children: Elmer Eugene Hargett, b. Feb. 27, 1874—d. May 2, 1959; Ocella O. Hargett, b. Mar. 12, 1875-d. Oct. 3, 1959; Mallory Fleetwood Hargett, b. Mar. 1, 1876-d. Apr. 11, 1965; Guido Montrose Hargett, b. Sept. 14, 1877-d. Nov. 8, 1921; Lucille Burton (Dolly) Hargett, b. Feb. 16, 1884-d. 1976.

Mallory Fleetwood Hargett married Emma Agnes Moore, youngest daughter of John and Matilda Moore, Feb. 21, 1901 at the farm home of John Moore north of Versailles. Their five children: Emma Marie Hargett, b. Feb. 18, 1902, married Lloyd T. Hunter, son of Charles D. and Maude Hunter. No children; Grace Rebecca Hargett, b. Nov. 24, 1904-d. Apr. 22, 1937. Married Warren T. Morris, son of John Morris. (Their children were Guideo Warren Morris, b. Sept. 18, 1926, Eugene Edward Morris, b. Feb. 25, 1929 and Jack Franklin Morris, b. Jan. 30, 1931.) Ida Elizabeth Hargett, b. Sept. 2, 1909-d. Dec. 7, 1955. Married Bernard Ishmael. (Their children: Bernadine Ishmael, b. Aug. 25, 1934, William Fleetwood Ishmael, b. Oct. 13, 1936 and Jerry Ray Ishmael, b. Mar. 18, 1944.) Frances Genevieve Hargett, b. June 28, 1914. Married Cyrus Monroe. (Their daughter, Vivian Ruth Monroe, b. July 25, 1934; Fleetwood Moore Hargett, b. Aug. 9, 1918. Married Josefene Stangler, daughter of Rudolf and Eva Stangler, Sept. 6, 1947.

"Fleet and Jo" reside north of Versailles on 80 acres that was part of the farm of John Moore, dating back to Civil War times. Josefene's parents were Rudolf Stangler, b. Apr. 2, 1885 in Vienna, Austria, -d. July, 1974 in Los Angeles, Calif. Married Eva Schneider July 5, 1912, who was born Mar. 31, 1892 in Arad, Romania -d. Dec. 7, 1945 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Fleet and Jo, who were married at Glendale, Calif. have two children: Christopher Stangler Hargett, b. Sept. 13, 1948, married Diane King in Aug., 1967. (Their children: Leslie Diane Hargett, b. July 7, 1968-d. 1973; Jon Christopher Hargett, b. July 6, 1970; Janet, b. July 1, 1972 and Jeffery Hargett, b. Nov. 21, 1974.)

Carlene Rose Hargett, b. Aug. 23, 1960 is presently a student at Southwest Missouri State University at Springfield, Mo.

## PETER HARMS

Peter Harms was born May 21, 1837, in Heptstedt, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, the son of Johann and Becke nee Gerken Harms. His father was a cabinet maker and the parents never came to the United States. Peter came to America at the age of 13 and for a few years lived in the east, principally New York. He came to Morgan County in 1857 where he settled on a farm 8 miles northwest of Versailles. He farmed there for many years until his youngest son, Harmon, took over the farm, but Peter and his wife continued to live there until their deaths.

Peter and Gesche Harms Family — 1890

*1st row:* Harmon, Peter, Gesche and John. *2nd row:* Sena, Kate, Bettie and Martha.

Peter was educated in the common schools of Germany. He married Gesche Gehrs, daughter of Herman and Mattie Papen Gehrs on December 11, 1862, both of whom were born in Germany. Peter and Gesche Harms attended the Hinken Methodist Church which was located just west of the Hinken Cemetery north of Stover in an area known as Pyrmont. This church was organized as the Pyrmont German M.E. Church. The structure was of logs and was built in the early 1850's. The first preachers for his church were known as "circuit riders". The name was later known as the Hinken M.E. Church, and the members also had a school in the log church called "subscription school" where parents paid a teacher to come two or three days a week to teach.

Peter served as a private of Captain A.H.W. Cook's Company, German Regiment Missouri Volunteers during the Civil War, enlisting June 13, 1861. When mustered out in St. Louis, June 15, 1864, he was paid $46.33. He was naturalized February 22, 1868.

Children born to this family were Bettie A, Martha Margaret, John Henry, Katie M., Gazena (Sena), Harmon Richard and a son who died at birth. All of the children taught school in their early years. Martha attended a school in Stanberry, Mo. and Sena went to the Normal in Versailles in preparation

for their teaching. A granddaughter, Berniece Berry Seiferth, two great granddaughters, Diane Berry and Cynthia Schart, and one great grandson, Robert Denker, followed these in the teaching profession.

Bettie married George Decker and their children were Earl, Bert and Ethel.

Martha married Henry Rudolf Ebeling and they had two children, Walter and Blanche. A great granddaughter, Hazel Ebeling, still resides in Stover. Walter became a farmer.

John Henry married Adelheid Dora Ebeling and their children were Bessie, Mae, William, Mabel, Alice, and Ruby. William also became a farmer.

Sena married William Fabricius Berry and three children were born to this union: Helen, Will F., and Berniece. Attorney Will F. resides in Versailles.

Harmon was to marry Martha Hoehns and their two children were Herbert and Stella. Stella also resides in Versailles. Herbert continued to farm on the Harms homestead until his retirement.

When Harmon married, he joined his father in living and working the homestead. Peter died there January 24, 1909 and Gesche died there October 3, 1918. They are buried in Hinken Cemetery. *Berniece Berry Seiferth*

## L.P. HART

L.P. Hart and family came to Morgan County in 1907 from the hills of Camden County. His parents migrated from Pennsylvania. This Hart strain was English, descendents of Charles Hart who came from England with a land grant in payment of a debt from King Charles, at the same time William Penn received his grant of land in Pennsylvania.

Lafayette Praul Hart, commonly called L.P. or "Lafe", brought his family to Versailles from the Hart homesteaded farm in Camden County, now mostly covered by water of the Lake of the Ozarks. He wanted to be near schools. Here in Versailles, he made and sold his herb and root medicine in all of the central part of Missouri.

A couple of months after moving to town, the oldest child, a daughter Florence, 21 years of age, had that year married a rancher of Wyoming. She died suddenly after an emergency appendectomy in Casper, but was brought back and buried in the Versailles cemetery — the first Hart but surely not the last for several children and now "Lafe and Carrie", they too, have been buried in this cemetery.

Roy, a son had a heart condition since the age of twelve but did try to work. He ran a bakery for a time and did watch and clock repairing for Bohling Jewelry. He was still single and died at age 24.

Charley, the next son was a veteran of W.W. I and was injured in France. Upon his return, he married Grace Naylor who taught a rural school for a time then worked as a linotype operator in the Statesman Office. Charley died in 1924. Grace later purchased the Braymer Bee newspaper. She is now deceased and left no descendants.

Mark, the next son, married Edith Stroup. They had five children, two of whom are dead, and Mark died in 1972.

Henry B. Hart, of Camden and LaClede County was the politician of the family. As a young man he was County Treasurer of Morgan County later was State Representative, and still later was State Senator — always representing the people of Morgan County. He was married to Gladys Gardner who is now deceased. They had 3 sons and one daughter — all live outside of the county.

Joe V. Hart, another son had 3 children by Mary Cory of Ohio, and five children by his second wife, Elva Hatfield Hart. Joe died in 1971; Elva lives in Columbia; all eight children live away from Morgan County.

Willard, the seventh son, after spending several years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Arizona, returned to his home town. He was married to Emma Kasper. They had one son and one daughter. Willard is the only one of this Hart family that has retired and continues to live in Morgan County.

Grace, a daughter, taught school for one year in the Versailles Elementary, one year at Gravois and one year at Stover, but several years in other places in Missouri and Arizona. She got her degrees from Missouri University. During W.W. II, she served 27 months overseas attached to an army hospital. Upon her return, she married Fred Nagel of Chicago. They operated a resort on the Lake for 14 years. Fred died in 1968 and Grace has retired in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Jack M. a son, went to Grade School in Versailles but got his High School and college work in Columbia. He is now retired from the Corps of Engineers and lives in Rogers, Arkansas. His only child, a son, lives in St. Louis.

Two baby boys, not mentioned above — Harrison, drowned when two years of age, and Gilbert, died when only an infant. But L.P. Hart lived to be 83 years of age, and Carrie lived to be past 90 years. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary before "Lafe" died. This couple had eleven children and an over-supply of trials and hardships but were really a pair of wonderful human beings. *by Grace Nagel Hart*

## AUGUST F. HEINEMANN

Hans Heinemann married Anna Kunckel on June 25, 1644, in Germany. Their son, Johann Heinrich Heinemann married Catherine Friedrike Kohen of Bischhausen, Germany on Nov. 27, 1777. Their son, Johann Andreas Friedrich Heinemann, b. Feb. 14, 1789 d. Nov. 19, 1868 was a Seilermeister, a master rope maker. He was married on Jan. 22, 1816 to Henriette Philippine Kuster b. Dec. 23, 1791 d. Apr. 6, 1868. Their son, August Friedrich Heinemann, b. June 11, 1824 d. Mar. 31, 1898 married Doratha Wilhelmine Jatho b. Oct. 8, 1830 d. June 5, 1903 in Versailles, Mo. She was the daughter of Heinrich Friedrich Ludwig Jatho and Doratha Charlotte Christine Ludewig. The Jatho family has been traced to 1700 in Dransfeld, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany.

Alfred Heineman, born Jan. 20, 1861, died June 27, 1928

When August Friedrich Heinemann first came to Missouri, he settled in Portland, where he continued the family trade of rope making. He sold his ropes to the river trade and later he went into the cigar and tobacco and liquor business. His tavern in Portland is still standing.

To this union was born Louis, Alfred, Fred, and Charles Carl. Louis Heinemann died in 1870 at the very young age of 12 years. Fred Heinemann married Margaret Mahoney. To this union was born Dora, Linda and Alfred. Charles Carl Heinemann married Lena Berk and to this union was born Dorothy, Eleanor, and Alma. Alfred Heinemann b. Jan. 20, 1861, at Portland, Mo., d. June 27, 1928, at Versailles, Mo., was married on Apr. 18, 1893 in St. Louis to Martha Louise Maroney, b. Feb. 16, 1872 at Conway, Mo., d. Jan. 7, 1919, at Versailles, Mo. To this union was born August O. on June 9, 1894, d. July 23, 1952, and Rebecca Louise, b. Dec. 7, 1906.

Alfred was mayor of Versailles during the 1920's. He purchased a large amount of land in Morgan County. He was in the grain business and also loaned money. He purchased the Heinemann building on the west side of the square in Vers-

Gus and Lillie Heineman

ailles, which bears his name and is still in the family. He owned and operated a tavern in part of the building.

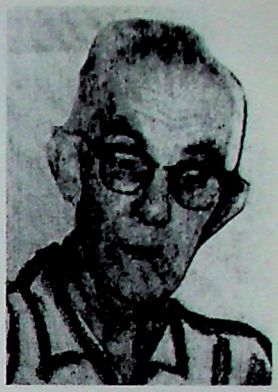
His son, August married Lillie Mae Hunter, b. Oct. 13, 1893, daughter of W.K. Hunter and Lillie Mae Price. August attended Business College in Sedalia in 1911-1912 and the Sweeney Automobile School in Kansas City in 1918. After graduation, he owned and operated the Overland Automobile Agency in Versailles. He also worked for the state in the oil department and started Top's Cafe in the Heinemann Building. One of his greatest pleasures in life was watching his son, Bud, play basketball both in high school and for the University of Missouri at Columbia.

August and Lillie Mae had four children, Martha Mae, b. Nov. 6, 1919, d. Nov. 27, 1967, Dorothy Lou, b. Mar. 5, 1923, Betty Sue b. Aug. 20, 1925, and August (Bud), b. July 30, 1929. Martha Mae married Paul Washburn, b. Oct. 12, 1918, d. Nov. 19, 1963. They operated "Washburns' Point" on the lake for several years. They had twin boys, David and Theodore, b. Aug. 12, 1940. Dorothy Lou married William W. Williams, b. Oct. 28, 1923. They have owned and operated the Beauty Box in Versailles for over 30 years. Their children are Joy, b. Dec. 3, 1945, Lee, b. Nov. 21, 1948, and Jim, b. Jan 26, 1955. Betty Sue married Blake J. Cable, b. Oct. 13, 1927. Their children are Stan, b. July 14, 1948, Rodney, b. Mar. 6, 1951, and Margaret, b. Mar. 12, 1953. Blake has worked for the K.C. Bifocal in Versailles for over 30 years. Bud married Florene Baumgartner, b. June 24, 1939, and they have two children, Brian b. May 17, 1970, and Cindy, b. Sept. 7, 1971. Bud works for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Jefferson City.

Rebecca Louise married Lyle Comer, the son of Ben A. and Ida E. Comer. To this union was born three children, Barbara, Bill and Murray. Barbara married Fred Moffett, Bill married Mary Lou Presley and they had three children, Kirt, and twins, Diane and Scott. Murray married Joan Mizner and they have two boys, Billy Fred and Joe. *by William W. Williams*

## CLYDE A. HENDERSON

Clyde A. Henderson was born July 2, 1897 at Lowder, Ill., the son of Charles F. and Sarah Roberts Henderson. He came with his parents to Versailles when he was thirteen years old.



Clyde Henderson

As a teen-ager he worked at the A. Popper Department Store on the east side of the courthouse square in Versailles.

He later worked for many years as a clerk and bookkeeper at the M.L. Joachimi Department Store on West Newton Street in Versailles. He was city clerk for two years and worked for many years as bookkeeper at the Leader- Statesman newspaper office until ill health forced his retirement. He died at the Kidwell Rest Home in Versailles May 22, 1970.

For many years he lived in a small house he had built at the south end of Burke street and is buried near the house in the Versailles Cemetery. He lived with his widowed mother until she died.

Clyde shared many memories of Versailles in its early days with his fellow-workers at the Leader-Statesman. In the days when there were no insecticides and stores were almost wholly without sanitation, it was one of his jobs at the Popper store, he said, to sort the candy in the showcases, tossing the pieces that had bugs in them into a box that was thrown away and leaving the bugless candy in the showcase.

He told of being present at a tent show in Versailles on a hot summer night when a thunderstorm came up and the wind blew the big tent down on top of the people in the audience. He also told of attending moving picture shows when the theater was located in the south end of the Martin Hotel building on North Monroe Street in Versailles.

He was an active member of the Versailles Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and elder. He was a member of the Versailles Cemetery Association for forty-five years and walked over the cemetery almost every day. He knew the location of almost everyone's grave in the cemetery.

## WILLIAM HARRISON HENDERSON

William Harrison Henderson was born on a farm in Cooper County, north of Otterville, Mo. on November 22, 1840. His parents were from Kentucky.

He was married to Nancy Jane Potter (born April 13, 1846), daughter of Jabez Hubbard Potter and Susan Winders Potter of Morgan County, in the 1860's. They spent their married life farming in Morgan County until she died January 7, 1895.

To this union four children were born: Garland, Samuel, Susan, and Ella May who died in infancy.

Garland was a farmer in Morgan County and reared a large family, later moving to Otterville in Cooper County.

Susan married Walter L. Nelson and they spent their married life until they died in the state of Washington.

Samuel was born March 22, 1877, and spent his early years at the family homestead in Morgan County, south of Otterville. He attended the old College in Otterville, which later became the High School, and the University at Boulder, Colo-

*L-r:* Robert, Ella Mae, Paul, Hattie, George, Bettie (the Mother) and Ruth Henderson.

rado. He worked in the coal mines near Joplin, Mo. He returned to the farm in Morgan County and became an extensive farmer. He built a new home here and brought his new bride, Betty Wear, (married April 15, 1903) to help him establish a home. Samuel lived near the Wear family who came from Solesville, Missouri to farm. Bettie was the daughter of George William Wear and Aletha Harriet Bartlett. She was one of ten children.

Samuel and Bettie had six children. The father, Samuel, died February 1, 1914. The mother, Bettie, lived to be 86 years old and reared all six children: Ella Mae, Hattie, Paul, Ruth, George and Robert.

The oldest, Ella Mae, taught rural schools in Morgan and Cooper Counties. She married James W. Trout also of Morgan County. They were in the jewelry business in Missouri and Kansas. They had one daughter, Betty, who is married to a College Professor, Dr. R. James Brown, and lives in the state of California. They have two children, Kirsta and Kyle.

Hattie never married but lived on the farm with her mother, later moving to Sedalia, Missouri.

Paul helped farm the old homestead. He married Evelyn Sword of Abilene, Kansas. After their marriage they resided in and around Sedalia. They have a daughter, Geneva, who is a registered nurse and lives with her husband, Michael Edwards, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Ruth married Warren Bond of Versailles, Mo. who was County Treasurer of Morgan County for 10 years. Ruth is now a retired mathematics teacher living in Warrensburg, Missouri. They had one daughter, Judith Ann, who is married to Joseph Mento, a Civil Engineer. They are living in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

George spent several years in the United States Navy during World War II. Upon his return he married Violet Dalton, a Sedalia girl. They have two sons, Chester and Daniel. George was in the Construction business.

Robert, the only one to continue farming and dairying, now lives at Mercer, Missouri. He married Flo Trail and they have two daughters, Janice Ruth and Roberta Faye.

These six children are all retired from active positions and trades and are all still living.

For over a century many of the Hendersons and the Wears have contributed to the farming industry and to the teaching profession in Morgan County and elsewhere. *by Ruth Bond*

## JESSE A. HENDRICKS

Jesse A. Hendricks was born June 12, 1850 in Morgan County, Missouri. He was the third child of L. and Elizabeth (Locke) Hendricks. The other children were William T., Elizabeth (wife of George W. Stout), Jackson E., Margaret C. (wife of Luther Sanders), Lucinda G. (wife of Joseph Territt), Lenora S. (wife of James M. Steel), Dave, Sarah, Robert and Bede.

Jesse married Ida Bell Cramer March 17, 1883. She was the daughter of Samuel E. Cramer, Union Veteran, and Susannah Baughman.

In 1839 when he was 11 years old, Samuel E. Cramer came to Morgan County with his father William Cramer from Ohio. Susannah was the daughter of John Baughman, who came from Richland County, Ohio, to Morgan County in 1838. All families owned land around Florence and Syracuse.

To Jesse and Ida Hendricks were born four children: Jessie Allian who died in 1902; Jettie Lee who died in 1885; Simon Alfred; and Laura Mae. Laura married Henry Reardon and had two daughters, Flossie and Millie. When Henry died, she then married John Hatfield.

For many years Jesse and Ida farmed southeast of Syracuse and Jesse remained there several years after Ida's death in 1893. Jesse died in 1927 after being thrown from a wagon.

Jesse's son, Simon Alfred spent his youth hunting and fishing the beautiful hills of Morgan County. He often talked of them with his children and grandchildren. Although he and his sisters had the hard life of the small farmer's children, Simon loved the country. While growing to young manhood, he enjoyed attending all the dances around and became a "caller" for many of them. He was always asked to "call" the dances during his visits home in later years.

In 1904 Simon went to Kansas City to work in the Stock Yards. Several years later he went to Woods County, Oklahoma and settled. There he married Cecil Rose and remained until his death in 1974. His children are Glenn, Zola, Erma and Dean.

All his life Simon Alfred Hendricks imparted his love of Morgan County to his children and later to his grandchildren. Because of this, it was like coming home for my sister and me when we visited Morgan County for the first time in 1977 with our parents Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hendricks. *by Glenna Mae Allen*

## MARY HIBDON

As with many other families, the early history of the Hibdon family traces westward movement from Virginia through Tennessee, Illinois and into Missouri. Mary Hibdon, along with her family, traveled through these states to finally settle in Morgan County in 1841. Her children were Henry, Ralph, Thomas M., Peter, George W., and Melvina. One daughter remained in the East when the family moved westward. The family settled on a farm in southern Morgan County where Soap Creek now feeds into the Lake of the Ozarks.

When the Mary Hibdon family moved to Missouri from Illinois, Thomas Martin Hibdon was four years old. He was born on July 5, 1837 in Illinois. He grew up in southern Morgan County on the family farm. On October 5, 1862 Thomas married Martha P. Phillips. Shortly after the birth of their oldest son, George W., Thomas joined the Union Army in the Civil War. After his return from the war, he continued cattle farming and he also carried mail on horseback through the southern portion of the county. Six more children were born to Thomas and Martha; Susan M., Joseph E., William, Ellah, Jerusha L., and Iannah. In later life Thomas married Priscilla Wilson and they had one son, Fred Lee.

Thomas's oldest son, George W., was married to Emma Elizabeth Meyer on April 2, 1885. Emma's parents were Leo D. and Francis Marsie Meyer. To the union of George and Emma were born Hiram, Tom, Charley, Edward, Fannie, Josephine, Kate, Ada, and Essie. This family resided on a farm about one mile southwest of what is now Wulff Harbor Resort.

As the lake began to fill in the low lands, the family moved to a farm near the head of Soap Creek, south of what is now J. Road. After the death of their parents, Charley, Essie and Ada lived on the farm and went into the dairy business. They also kept a great interest in maintaining the Holst Cemetery, formerly called the Richardson Cemetery, which is located two miles southwest of Gravois Mills. Many of the descendents of the Hibdons and Meyers are buried there.

Edward, the youngest son of George and Emma, married Addie Hibdon on February 5, 1925. They had four sons Ha-

George and Emma Hibdon

rold, Billy, Glen, and Teddy. They lived on the Hibdon farm south of what is now Wulff Harbor Resort. Edward was a school bus driver for the Bond School and also was a substitute rural mail carrier beginning in the horse and buggy days. All of the sons of Edward and Addie served with the Armed Forces during and after World War II. Harold was killed in 1950 while working for the state conservation department. Billy and his wife, Erlene, live in San Diego, California. They have three children. Teddy and his wife, Marge, live in Jacksonville, Florida. They have two children. Glen married Billy Patterson, daughter of W.H. and Velma Patterson. They own Hibdon Valley Ranch north of Laurie on Hwy 5. They have two children. Harold Ernest married Janet Ensor and they live on a farm south of his parents.

Edward Hibdon married Annie Laurie Morefield on April 2, 1943. Annie is the daughter of Louie and Lelah Hill Laurie. Her children by a previous marriage are Dennis, Aldie, and Ruth Ann Morefield. To Edward and Annie were born Emma Caroline and Paul Edward. This family was one of the first settlers of Laurie. They were affiliated with a general store owned by the Laurie family. Edward and Annie are now retired and live at the Kidwell Boarding Home in Versailles.

Dennis Morefield and his wife, Delores, live in Flagstaff, Arizona. They have four children. Aldie Morefield married Marie Stephens, daughter of Leroy and Helen Stephens. They have three children and live in Raytown, Mo. Ruth Ann Morefield married Don Waddle and they have three children. They also live in Raytown.

Paul Edward Hibdon married Diane Marriott, daughter of Henry and Mildred Marriott. They have two children. Their home is in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Emma Caroline Hibdon married James M. Dornan, son of J. Mitchell and Kathleen McDonough Dornan. They live in Versailles and James is co-owner of Hunter-Dornan Chevrolet. He is a veteran of the United States Army and was First Lieutenant in the Vietnam conflict in 1970. They have three sons, Jimmy born Feb. 27, 1970; Robert, Apr. 2, 1973; and Daniel, July 2, 1977.

## THOMAS MARTIN HIBDON

Thomas Martin Hibdon was born July 5, 1837. He came from Illinois to Morgan County, Mo. with his parents, four brothers and two sisters when he was four years old. Thomas (Tom) and three brothers stayed in Missouri and one brother and two sisters returned to Illinois.

Martha Perneica Hibdon

Thomas Martin Hibdon

Henry Hibdon settled in Camden County near old Linn Creek. George settled near Climax Springs. Tom and Peter (Pee) settled on Soap Creek south of Gravois Mills, Mo. Thomas married Martha Pernieca Phillips Oct. 5, 1862. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War, joining after his first child was born.

They lived in a one-room cabin with a fireplace for heat and to do their cooking. They carried water from a spring under a hill now covered by the waters of the Lake of the Ozarks. When Martha had to go out of the house to gather fuel, carry water or other chores, she had to leave her baby alone, but, placed the bed post on the tail of his dress so he could not crawl away. She lived in constant fear of the bushwhackers. They raided a home a few miles from her and killed two boys almost old enough to join the Army. Because their sister would not tell them where her brothers were they put her on an untamed horse and turned the horse loose to run with her tied on. The horse ran for three days but she stayed on. He finally stopped running and brought her home bruised and exhausted.

One night the bushwhackers came to her cabin just after dark and her brother-in-law, Peter, and his wife, Mary, and their small son were visiting her. They came to get Peter, whom she hid under a trundle bed, which she had pulled up across the back door of the cabin. They burst the front door down and forced her to make a fire in the fireplace for light, while they held a gun on her. They made her move the trundle bed, exposing Peter, whom they took outside and turned him loose and told him to run for his life while they shot at him. When he fell over a log they thought he was dead. He went on and joined the Army and bought the farm adjoining his, now the site of Wulff Harbor Resort. The two-story house north across Soap Creek on a low hill had two side rooms and a fireplace where they did their cooking for many years. Tom raised cattle on the open range and was justice of the peace at one time and rural mail carrier on the route from Gravois Mills to Proctor, carrying the mail on horseback.

They carried their water north around a hill and across Walker Branch from a spring that flowed from under a cliff of rocks, which they called "cave spring". As times got better, Tom had a well drilled at the end of the front porch.

Martha died June 29, 1890. The youngest child was eleven years old. Tom raised his children alone. Then he married Priscilla Wilson and they had one son, Fred Hibdon. They

lived on the old home place until he died May 20, 1920. A resort now stands where the home was but the cave spring and an old white oak tree, about 135 years old, are still there.

## WILLIAM P. HIBDON

Peter Hibdon, came to Missouri with his mother, Mary, and his four brothers, Henry, Ralph, Thomas and George W. and a sister, Melvina. They came westward from Virginia through Tennessee and Illinois into Missouri. One sister remained in Virginia.

William P. Hibdon and Adelea Ann Hibdon

Peter married Mary Adaline McFarland Jan. 20, 1861, with Justice of Peace Moses K. Willson officiating. Their ten children were Benjamin, Christian, Jordan, Henry, Julia, Jerry, Corney, John, William P. and James E. Peter died when the children were small, leaving his wife to provide for them. They endured many hardships, the older children working to help support the younger ones.

William P. married Adelia Ann Moore, Jan 16, 1901 and they lived in the Gladstone, Mo. community, until the Bagnell Dam was built in 1931. Their children are Anna J. and William Robert. Anna J. and Claude R. Silvey were married March 18, 1926 and their children are John W., James D. and Merle Ann. John W. married Evelyn DeFord in 1952 and their children are Karen and John Silvey. James D. married Lorie Lee Henley in 1949. They have two children, Nanette, married to Roger Clevenger, and James D. married to Sherry Elliott. Merle Ann married Jackson Laurie in 1952. They have three sons, William, Robert and Barry. William married Nancy Walton in 1974. Robert married Deanna Hutchinson in 1975. Merle Ann died July 18, 1978.

William Robert Hibdon married Eva Marie Purvis Aug. 30, 1930. Their children were Robert J., Carolyn M. and Sharon K. Robert married Shirley B. Chipley in 1952. Their children are William V. and Sheila A. Sheila married Michael Saxton in 1976. Carolyn M. married Clifford M. Burks in 1960. They are parents of two children, C. Michael Burks and Sonja M. Burks. Sharon K. married David A. Washburn in 1960. Their children are Scott B., Stacy J., Samuel T. (deceased 1972) and Dodie B.

William P. and Adelia A. or Billie and Delia, as they are known, bought the old Greenstreet farm in May, 1930. Their son and daughter-in-law moved on the farm in the fall of 1930. In 1934 Billie and Delia moved into the home of her parents.

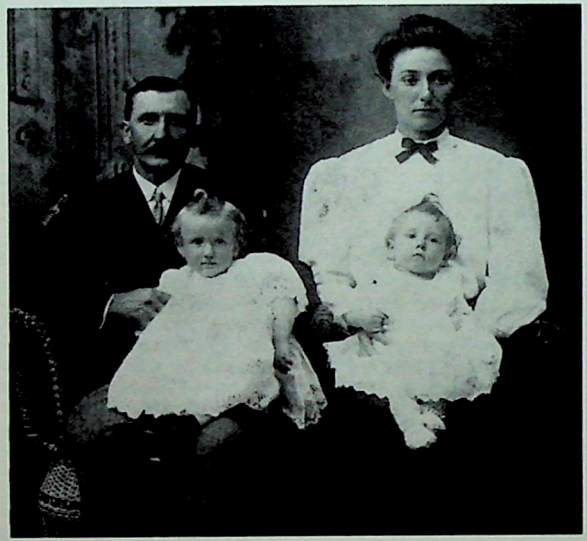
Levena (Bond) Long and her stepfather, John Long, built on the north half of the farm in 1930.

Billie Hibdon was engaged in timber work and farming his entire life. Billie and Delia and family are Methodists. In 1941 they deeded one acre of land to be used for a badly needed church at Laurie, Mo. Ozark Chapel Methodist Church was built on that land and dedicated in 1944. Later that church was torn down to make room for a new, larger church.

Billie Hibdon died Nov. 9, 1967 and Delia died Jan 5, 1961. Both are buried in Ozark Chapel Cemetery at Laurie.

## FRANK HILDERBRAND

Frank Hilderbrand, fourth son of John and Victoria Anghauser Hilderbrand, was born Feb. 23, 1864 in Sangamon, County, Ill. His parents had immigrated from Baden Baden, Germany in 1844 by sailing vessel. The ship was becalmed in the Atlantic Ocean for many days and they arrived in New Orleans, La. after 72 days. They sailed up the Mississippi River and settled in Sangamon County, where they lived until 1872.



Cora and Frank Hilderbrand, Helen and Earnest - 1907

They lived a few years in Bel-Air in Cooper County, Mo. and moved to Fortuna. On March 1, 1880 the family moved ten miles south of Versailles to the Adler farm. Then they moved to a farm on the Gravois Creek, where they farmed and raised livestock. Frank and his brother, Jake, lived there until Jake died Dec. 16, 1929. He was buried in Rastorfer Cemetery.

On March 16, 1904 Frank and Cora Noland of Crittenden, Camden County, were married. Their children were Helen, Ernest, Frankie (died Apr. 2, 1929) and Ollie.

Cora died Feb. 27, 1912 and was buried in the Holst Cemetery, leaving her young children. Relatives and friends helped at this time. The Jim Crowder family of near Barnett cared for Ollie until she was six years old. Helen lived with relatives in St. Louis until she was 12. Frank married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Purvis on Jan. 20, 1915.

The family was again reunited. They remember with nostalgia those growing up years.

Frank and Lizzie were forced to move to a new home when the Bagnell Dam was built and the Lake of the Ozarks flooded the land. In 1930 they moved to a farm in Howard county.

Mo. at Petersburg. Frank died Dec. 5, 1946 and Lizzie died May 20, 1953.

Helen was married to Garland Salmon of Climax Springs and Sedalia in April, 1937. He was a foreman and engineer on the Mo. Pacific Railroad. Later they moved to the farm in Howard county. He died Nov. 16, 1974. Helen and her sister, Ollie, remained on the farm.

Their children are Mrs. Alsberge, of Palmer, Alaska, Mrs. Keith Parker, Raleigh, N.C. and Philip Salmon, Franklin.

Carol has two sons, Stephen and David. Alsberge Julie and Tracy Bottoms, and Philip and wife Madelyn Mortin have two children, Denise and Wesley.

Ernest died Nov. 22, 1962. He was married to Ruth Wells of near Glasgown. They were farmers. Their children: Donald Lee, married to Frances Twitchell, their children are Gwendolyn, Donald Wayne, Curtis and Darren Hilderbrand.

Franklin married Linda May, of Fayette. Their sons are Johnny and Brian.

Laverne married Bob Finn (died June 6, 1978) have three children: Paula, Bobby and Vernie. Joyce married Mike McGary of Glasgow. Their children: Helen, Joe and Adam (died June 26, 1976).

Jerry (died Nov. 16, 1973) was married to Karen Depart and had a son, Andy.

These descendants live in the areas of Fayette, Glasgow and Boonesboro.

The old Hilderbrand family, with deep roots in the soil, left a good heritage of honesty, thrift and ability to meet the challenges that lay ahead for those coming after them. *Helen Salmon*

## JOHN HILDERBRAND

John Hilderbrand was born June 18, 1822 in Baden Baden, Germany. The family consisted of one brother and four sisters.

Drouths and Civil Wars during the 1840's in Germany caused dissatisfaction among many of the natives. This caused the family to sail to America, where opportunities were awaiting them.

John Hilderbrand and his brother Jacob, along with several other German families left Germany in 1844 to sail for America. While crossing the Atlantic Ocean they faced much danger. The voyage was delayed because of insufficient wind. They were stranded for six weeks in the middle of the ocean causing suffering and near starvation. They landed in New Orleans where brother Jacob died.

John Hilderbrand's first job in America was a stevedore on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Southern Illinois. After a period of a few years, he sent back to his native land for his four sisters. One sister married Theodore Kreglinger who settled in Morgan County, South of Stover, Missouri; another sister married a Schwinzer and settled near Glasgow, Missouri. The other two sisters married a Sunkel and a Gross and settled in St. Louis, Missouri.

A few years later, Victoria Anheuser (born Dec. 24, 1836) along with her brother Jacob came to America via New Orleans. John Anheuser settled in the St. Louis area.

In 1853 John Hilderbrand and Victoria Anheuser were united in marriage and settled in Sagamon County near Springfield, Illinois. To this union was born eight sons: James, Frank, John, Jacob, William, Louis Robert, and Alfred.

In 1872 they decided to leave Illinois and by water ways of the Illinois, Mississippi and Missouri Rivers they landed near Bel Air, Missouri where on Oct. 20, 1872 the next to the youngest son, Robert, was born. Only living in Cooper County for a short time, the family moved south to Morgan County in search of fertile soil, abundance of water and timber and open range. In the spring of 1880 they settled on the Gravois Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks where the members of the family remained until the construction of the Bagnell Dam.

Robert (1872-1962) and Mary G. Myers (1878-1966) a daughter of Nathan and Margaret Riffle Myers, adjoining neighbors, who also immigrated from Baden Baden, Germany about the same time, were married on Oct. 20, 1895. To this union was born James R. (1896-1954) married Georgia Wilson, *children*, James Clinton Hilderbrand and Mary Louis DeAvalie; Marguarite E. (1898-1929) Married Fred A. Hackler, *children*, Pearl Bisch, Opal Rupe (deceased), Mrs. Paul E. (Freda) Imler; Joseph B. (1899-1976) Married Mabel Ann Ensminger, *children*, Mrs. H.W. (Marie) Smiley, Ruth Hilderbrand, Mrs. George A. (Etta) Porter, James Robert Hilderbrand (deceased); Ella (1901) married Athel Taylor, *children*, Mary Beth Mitchell (deceased), Robert, Donald, James Taylor; John A. (1906) married Katie Mae Carpenter, *children*, Bob Hilderbrand, Lucy Ann Turgeon, Mary Kay Carter; Curtis N. (1909) married Juanita Lefever, *children*, Ronald and Dr. David Hilderbrand; Woodrow C. (1915) single; Onley W. (1919) married Ada Altis, *children*, Jean Musgrave; and Clytie who died as infant.

Until 1931 all the Hilderbrand families lived and farmed in the Lake of Ozarks area at which time they were forced to vacate due to the construction of the Bagnell Dam. The Robert Hilderbrand family decided to resettle near Versailles and purchased the George H. Carpenter farm located two miles north of Versailles. Woodrow continues to live on the home place.

## JOHN HILL

The familiar phrase "old as the hills" might well have originated with the Hill family of north Camden county. It is felt that there must have been a strong Irish strain because of accounts of tenor voices, Irish jigs and lots of red heads.

John Hill Family
*Front:* Thomas, John, Eula; *Back:* Lelah, Ora, Pearl, Ethel.

Records from the family Bible reveal that John Hill married Elizabeth Bolen in 1829. Willoughby Bolen Hill was born to them in 1832, and in 1853 he married Nancy Hestand. He died in 1908. They were the parents of twins; John Willard and Mary Jane, born in 1859.

John Willard married Anna Jackson. They had three children; Jesse Howard, Minnie Ellen and Louella May. They were later divorced and John Hill married Martha Jane Lain. They lived near the Osage river, across from Hurricane Deck in Camden county. Their children were Lelah, Pearl, Ora, Ethel and Thomas. A daughter Eula died in her early teens.

Martha Lain Hill died in 1903. John Hill died in 1909. In 1930, with the building of Bagnell Dam, their bodies were

taken from the Laurie and Jack Purvis Cemeteries and were reburied in the George Purvis family cemetery. Their daughter, Ora, often told of standing nearby in the early morning dawn when their remains were being moved.

Lelah Hill married Louis Laurie. They had five children; Beulah, who died in infancy, William "Buster", Annie, Irene and Tom Earl. Lelah passed away in 1978. Pearl never married. She also died in 1978. Ethel married Robert Brown. They had five children; Leslie, Opal, Louise, Margaret and Robert. Thomas Hill married Thelma Avery. They had seven children; Della Beth, Ilene, John, Joan, Mary Lee, Kay and Barbara Jean. Thomas died in 1976.

Ora Hill married Ivy Purvis. They had six children: Nona Elizabeth, who married Leslie Moore. Eva Marie, who married Robert Hibdon. Geraldine who died in infancy; twin sons, John and George. John never married. George married Helen Gatlin; he died in 1969. Rosemary, who married Charles Butts.

Ora Hill Purvis passed away in January 1979. She had resided in Laurie in south Morgan County for nine years at the time of her death.

## CARL B. HILTY

Carl Hilty (March 30, 1909) came to Missouri in 1919 from Donnellson, Iowa with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. P.P. Hilty and his family of brothers and sisters. (Five of the eight children live in Morgan County at the present (Mrs. Roy Gerber, Mrs. Claud Lutman, Mrs. Ed Baumgartner, Paul Hilty, Sr. and Carl). They lived in the Bethel Mennonite Church parsonage for seven years, while his father was the pastor of the church. Carl was the second child of a family of eight children. In 1926 the Hilty family moved to a farm 5½ miles northeast of Versailles where he grew to manhood. December 24, 1934 he was united in marriage to Viola Driver (Sept. 4, 1916) sixth daughter of John R. and Alice R. Weaver Driver. They made their home in the Donnellson, Iowa community where he was hired by a dairy farmer until he later became engaged in full time farming. In 1944 they moved back to Morgan County, Missouri with their two daughters, Twila Mae (March 9, 1936) and Kathryn Marie (Oct. 16, 1938). Having been denied the privilege of knowing their grandparents, Carl and Viola wanted to live near their parents in order that their two daughters could learn to know their grandparents. They bought a farm in the Bethel Mennonite Community where they engaged in dairy and poultry farming. They were interested in working for the betterment of the community and church. Doris Ellen (Feb. 1, 1945) and Chester Dean (June 24, 1954) were their two Missourians. As a family they enjoyed their work, travel, good music, friends and nature in general. Twila became a music lover, Katheryn, a registered nurse. Doris a homemaker and Chester a missionary. They learned never to cry over spilled milk (for they did milk cows) or over broken dishes (for with three daughters it did happen). Their rule in life was "For me and my house we will serve the Lord."

On July 20, 1954 Twila was united in marriage to Homer Garber (June 17, 1928) son of Ed and Elizabeth Garber. They have lived all of their married life on the farm once known as the Will Garber place (Homer's grandfather) northeast of Versailles. Their children are: Stanley Allen, April 1, 1956; Jerry Ray, April 19, 1956; Stephen James, June 17, 1964; Carla Kay, November 2, 1967; Barry Wayne, February 5, 1972.

On October 21, 1978 Stanley Garber was married to Karen Sue Loganbill (October 8, 1955) daughter of Ivan and Jeanie Loganbill.

On October 1, 1960 Kathryn Marie was married to Abe Nikkel (June 7, 1937). Their children are: Julie Celeste, October 12, 1961; Alice Rebecca, December 1, 1963; James Peter, October 16, 1968.

On October 19, 1962 Doris Ellen married to Micky A. Bennett (October 24, 1943). Their children are: Mickey Adair, May 5, 1963; Charles Earl, May 25, 1965.

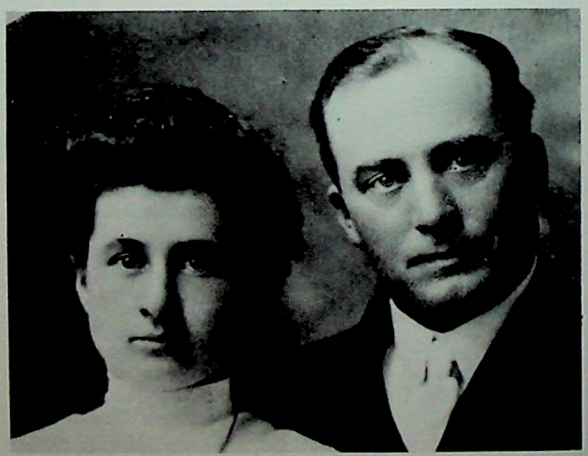
On June 11, 1975 Chester Dean was married to Mary Patterson. Their son is Benjamin Dwight born December 16, 1977.

## REV. PETER P. HILTY

Rev. P.P. Hilty was born on a farm near Bluffton, O. March 17, 1871. His parents were Benjamin and Elizabeth (Schumacher) Hilty. After attending college, and teaching school for several years, he felt the call to the Lord's ministry. He held some local pastorates, and in 1905 received a call to Zion Mennonite Church, Donnellson, Ia. Here he met and married his wife, Barbara Mary (Koller), on Feb. 10, 1907. He served the Iowa church for 14 years, and in 1919 received a call from the Bethel Mennonite Church of Fortuna, Mo. The Hilty family then moved to Missouri, making their home in the church parsonage for seven years, while Rev. Hilty served the Bethel congregation. He retired from the ministry in 1926, and moved to a farm 6 mi. N.E. of Versailles, where he lived until his death on Sept. 14, 1959. His wife passed away, July 16, 1960.

Rev. and Mrs. Hilty had eight children, six of who were born near Donnellson, Ia., and two in Missouri. Five of the children and ten of the grand-children live in the Versailles, Mo. area.

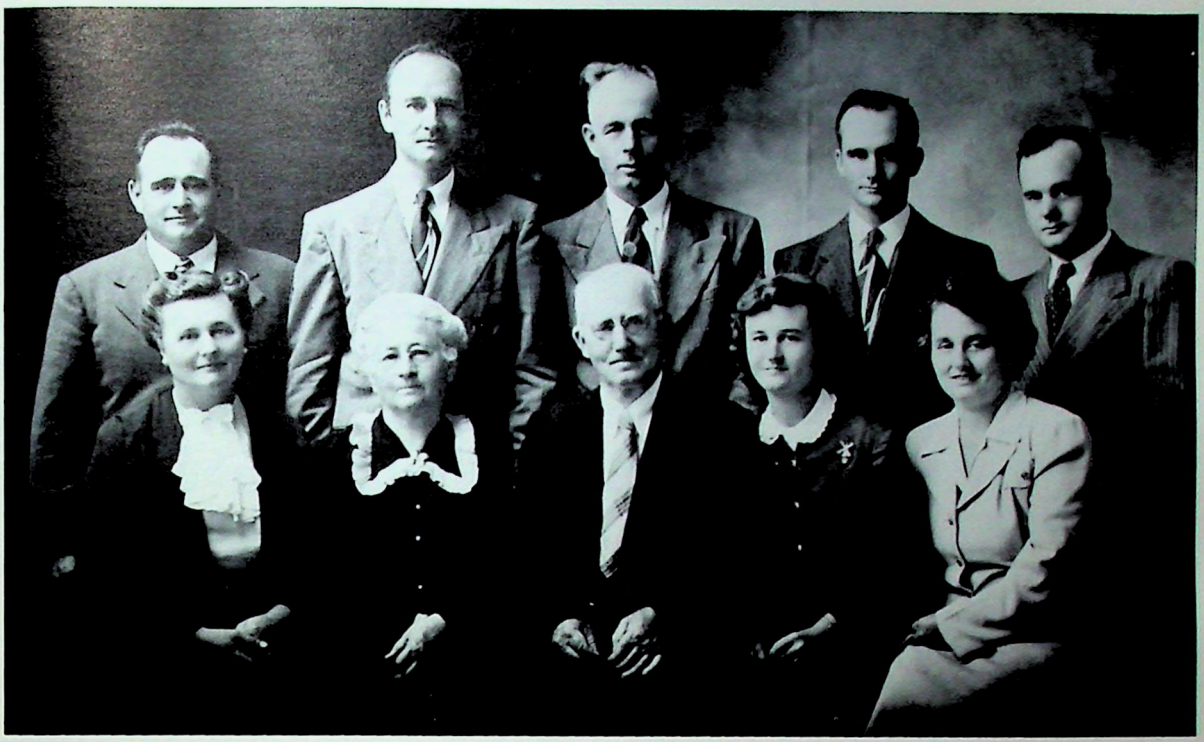
Esther E. was born Dec. 2, 1907. She married Roy C. Gerber. They lived most of their married life on a farm near Versailles, where their youngest son Melvin, wife and son now reside. Esther and Roy are retired and live at 603, Jefferson St. Versailles. Their four children are: Dr. John F. Gerber, Univ. of Gainesville, Fla, married to former Beatrice Guitterez. Their three children are: Richard, Eileen and Sylvia. Barbara Ann (Hall) is married to Dr. Chas. R. Hall, of Versailles. They have three children; Cindy, Brian and Carole. Janet L. (Vest) is married to Ed Vest, Engineer of K.C. Mo. They have two sons; Kevin and Greg. Melvin L. Gerber is married to former Mary R. Groth and they have one son, Adam C. Melvin is engaged in farming. One daughter, Eileen E. died Nov. 17, 1943.



Barbara and Peter Hilty in 1907

Carl B. Hilty was born on March 30, 1909. He married the former Viola Driver. They are retired on their farm N.E. of Versailles. They have four children. Twila is married to Homer Garber, and they live on a farm. They have 5 children: Stan, married to former Karen Loganbill, Jerry of Osage City, Ks., Steve, Carla and Barry of the home.

Kathryn is married to Abe Nikkel, Dairy Farmer and they



P.P. Hilty Family in 1949

*1st. row, l to r:* Esther, Mrs. P.P. Hilty, Rev. Hilty, Dorothy and Winifred; *Back row:* Paul, Hiram, Carl, Calvin and Peter.

live near Versailles. They have three children, Julie, Becky and James. Doris is married to Michael Bennett and they live at Cotati, Ca. They have two sons; Michael and Chas.III.

Chester is married to former Mary Peterson, and they live at Sand Spgs., Okla. with their son Benjamin.

Winifred K. was born July 2, 1910. She married Claud Lutman, and they are retired, living at 511 Jefferson St., Versailles. They have three children, Dr. Geo. Lutman, married former Loretta Heffner of Fayetteville, N.C. has five children; Denis, Greta, Alica, Ingrid and Bridget. Bob Lutman married the former Carrie Hurt and has two girls, Tara, and Schandra and they live in Calif. Shirley Grimm and son Eric live at Prairie Village, Ks.

Dr. Hiram H. Hilty is a retired Spanish Prof. at Guilford College N.C. and is married to former Janet Brown. They have three daughters; Louise, (Mrs. Carrol Faegin) has one daughter, Debbie. Mary Esther (Mrs. David Searles) has Collette, and Peter, and Ruth Ann (Mrs. Bill Chatfield).

Paul E. Hilty was born Nov. 1, 1915. He is married to former Mildred Lehman, and they reside on a dairy farm N.E. of Versailles. They have five children: Loretta, (Mrs. Daniel Baumgartner) has four daughters; Beverly, Becky, Eliz. and Barbara; live near Versailles. Paul Jr. is married to former Wanda Haggerman has two children; Timmy and Rachel. Versailles. Phillip is married to former Brenda Harder live near Versailles. Lovina (Mrs. Gene Rahn) is married to Eugene Rahn, Ponca City, Okla., have one son Jason. Colleen is of the home at Versailles.

Calvin A. Hilty was born June 26, 1919. He married former Arline Aeschbacker. and they are Cotton farmers at Strathmore, Calif. They have four children; Wanda, (Mrs. Kevin Boles) two children, Benjie and Nick. Norma, (Mrs. Randy Goings), has Melissa, Duane married to former Carole Yale and Jim of the home. Dr. Peter D. Hilty was born July 16, 1921. He is a English Prof at Cape Girardeau, Mo. He is married to former Nancy Wismer and they have one son Peter Daniel Hilty.

Dorothy M. Hilty was born May 21, 1926. She married Ed Baumgartner, and they are Dairy Farmers near Versailles. They have three children; David, married to former Marsha Terry, live in Versailles, Mo. Diane (Mrs. Ed Bruemmer) of Columbia, Mo. and Debbie of Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

## WILLIAM HOCKER

William Hocker (1814-1899) born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, came to Howard County in 1824 and married Margaret Turner in 1836. He taught school for 30 years in Howard County. After the Civil War he devoted his time to farming. Of six living children, four of them taught school namely:

Hattie H. (White) went to school at Rocheport, Fayette and Columbia, and taught in Howard county and Christian College in Columbia, Mo. She made a career of teaching.

Wm. R. Hocker went to school in Louisville, N.C. and the University of Missouri at Columbia. He taught 17 years.

Gerard Chrisman attended the University of Missouri, Columbia at the original Jesse Hall and 2 other buildings. He taught school in Howard and Camden counties. He had a daughter, Beryl, who was a school teacher.

Juliet Barnett attended school in Boonville and taught in Howard County. She married William Henry Moss who taught school in Howard, Jackson (near Lone Jack, Mo.) and Camden counties. Of their 7 children, 5 were school teachers:

Mettie taught school but died when twenty years old.

Stella Moss (Hughes) attended school in Fayette and taught in Howard County and Christian College until her marriage. Her daughter, Juliet Moss (Hughes) Collier attended Warrensburg State Teacher's College and Columbia, University of

Helen McDonald

Johanna McDonald

N.Y. where she received a Masters degree. She taught in Missouri, N.Y. and Conneticut. She married Paul Collier from Morgan Co. who was Supervisor of Secondary Education of Conneticut.

John Moss had one daughter, Inez (Moss) Samford who taught in Missouri and Illinois schools. She married Clarence Samford, a professor at the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale.

Samuel Robert Moss taught school in Camden County.

Grace Elma Grimes taught school in Howard and Camden Counties. One daughter, Marian (Grimes) Rinnander taught in Missouri and in the Philadelphia, Penn. schools many years. Her son, John Rinnander, is a teacher in California. Another grandson of Grace Elma, David Morgan, (son of Grace (Grimes) Morgan) teaches in California.

Hattie K. (Moss) McDonald taught school 4 years in Howard and Camden Counties. Of her five children 3 of them were career teachers and did most of their teaching in Morgan County.

Moss McDonald taught in the Versailles Public Schools 16 years and was County Superintendent of Schools of Morgan Co. 21 years. (See biography of Moss McDonald).

Moss' daughter, Ann (McDonald) Shaw (4th generation) carries on the tradition of teaching. She has a Bachelor's degree from University of Mo. at Columbia, Masters and a Doctorate in Counseling from University of Mo., Kansas City. She has taught in the North Kansas City Schools 17 years. She is presently a Guidance Counselor in New Mark Jr. High School in that school system

Helen McDonald made a career of teaching. She received her B.S. in Education from CMSC in Warrensburg with a major in art and elementary education. She taught in Howard County 3 years, a year at Creighton, Mo., 3 years at Gravois Mills, 9 years at Post Oak, 3 years at Barnett High School, 15 years in Eldon, Mo., and her final charge of 7 years at Yuma, Arizona where she taught Special Education. Of her 41 years of teaching-fifteen years were in Morgan Co. She retired in 1968.

Johanna McDonald received a Bachelor of Science in Education from CMSC in Warrensburg with a Major in biology and minor in physics. She took graduate work at the same school. Of her 44½ years of teaching all but five years were spent in Morgan County, 7 at Gravois Mills, one at Florence and 31½ years at Versailles High School where she taught science. She retired in 1971.

Of the three Hattie McDonald descendants, Moss, Helen, and Johanna, their careers comprised more than 127 years of service in the teaching profession, ninety-three years in Morgan County.

## CHRISTIAN G. HOFSTETTER

The Hofstetter origin began in Langnau, Switzerland, located in the canton of Bern. Nocholas Hofstetter, his wife, and two children left their homeland for the new world and arrived in New York in 1824. From there they journeyed on to Wayne County, Ohio. The journey across the stormy Atlantic was a difficult one and their two little boys did not survive. Four more children were born to them while they were living in Ohio, one of which was John E.

On October 23, 1851, John E. married Katharina Gilliom and in 1869 they moved to Hickory County, Missouri, and bought a large farm. The Gilliom family had come to America from Switzerland in 1823. John E. was a farmer and carpenter by trade, and they were the parents of eleven children. The youngest was Christian G., born June 21, 1872.

When Nicolas Hofstetter, with his family, came to North America in the year of 1824, he probably did not know that on another ship that same year was little three year old boy, named Ulrich Welty, who, with his parents, was also on his way from Switzerland to Wayne County, Ohio. Nor did he know that some day Ulrich's grandaughter would be wed to his grandson and thus form the family of Christian G. and Bertha Ruth (Welty) Hofstetter in Morgan County, Missouri.

Ulrich married Marie Lehman. Peter L., their second born, moved to Missouri in 1868 and married Elizabeth Lehman that same year. Elizabeth (whose parents, Peter P. and Katharine Lehman, also born in Switzerland, migrating to Ohio and then to Missouri in 1866) was one of the charter members of the Bethel Mennonite Church and her marriage to Peter Welty was the first wedding performed in that church community.

Twelve years later, Peter died leaving three young daughters, Mary, Caroline and baby Bertha, only two and one-half years old, for Elizabeth to care for. Besides caring for her own children, she also took into her home several foster children. People who knew her still remember what a courageous, kind and wonderful woman she was.

When Bertha was sixteen years of age, she became acquainted with twenty-one year old Chris, who had recently moved from Hickory County, Missouri, into her church community. It was a few years later at a Sunday School Convention in Tipton, that Chris first saw Bertha to be the lovely and fine young woman that she was. After this, their dating was done the customary every two weeks, then once a week until they were married on December 23, 1897.

Chris and Bertha bought the farm in Morgan County, where Bertha was born and they raised their family there. In a family history book it has been written that Chris and Bertha were farmers, "but as Chris seems to have more than ordinary pep he is also prepared to do lumber sawing, also operates a molasses cookery and threshing machinery and maintains a machine repair shop." Chris and Bertha, with their growing family, were active in the Bethel Mennonite Church. Chris also served on the local school board and in other civic functions. And so it was that they served the people of their community in many and varied ways.

In December of 1945, Chris and Bertha retired from the farm and moved to Versailles where Chris died thirteen years later at the age of 86.

To this union were born nine children: Pearl, (Mrs. Wade Baumgartner) their children: Elvera (Mrs. Shelby Siegel), Ronald (wed to Marguerite Brauen), Keith (wed to Jerilyn Sue Moser), Florene (Mrs. Bud Heineman), and Daniel (wed to Loretta Hilty); Orrie (wed to Neva Campbell) their children: Earlene (Mrs. Earle Stealey), LaNelle (Mrs. Paul Mead), James (wed to Marcia Jean Reifscheider) and Donna (Mrs. Rolland Lindgren); Gideon (wed to Rose McKinney); Mary (Mrs. Dorsey Hardin); Joseph, deceased in infancy; Ivan (wed to Arlene Dick), their children: Donald (wed to Connie

Christian G. Hofstetter and Family. *Front row, l-r:* Wilbert, Bertha, Pauline, Ruth, Christian and Ivan. *Back row:* Mary, Gideon, Pearl and Orrie.

Drake), and William (wed to Barbara Zeller); Wilbert (wed to Lubertha Fethke), their children: Daryl (wed to Patricia Rieves) and David (wed to Cheryl Ripley); Ruth (accountant) and Pauline (nurse). Deceased are: Christian (October, 1958), Pearl (April, 1967), Ivan (August, 1977) and Mary (October, 1977).

Chris and Bertha lived to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in 1957. Bertha, age 101 (Oct. 27, 1978), is still living and is being cared for by her two daughters, Ruth and Pauline at their home in Versailles.

## DOROTHY WEST HOHN

Dr. Dorothy West Hohn, daughter of James A. and Mary J. West, was born in Bloomington, Ill. Jan. 14, 1905 and died May 17, 1959. She is buried at Ozark Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery at Laurie, Mo.

She married Dr. Reinhold Hohn, a college professor, and their foster son is Hubert Manthe.

She was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1925 and joined that faculty in 1927, after having received a Ph.D degree in English. She became head of the English department of McKendree College at Lebanon, Ill.

She and Dr. Reinhold Hohn came to the Lake of the Ozarks area in 1947, bought and cleared a large tract of timber land south of Laurie and built a road into it. They cut and sawed logs and constructed a home, taking shelter under a large dining table on the ground while they worked during good weather. They planted an orchard and went into the broiler chicken business.

The Hohn's were musicians and owned a large marimba, Grand piano, violins and other musical instruments.

Dr. Dorothy Hohn taught extension courses from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg and classes were held in Morgan and Camden counties , in the old Ozark Chapel Methodist church building at Laurie.

The Hohn's were interested in community betterment and were leaders in Boy Scout activities. After their deaths their place became known and is now used as "Boy Scout Camp Hohn", which they donated to the Boy Scout Organization. *by Eileen Yarnell*

## WILLIAM W. HOLSOPPLE

Hans Leonard Holtzapfel, the great-great-great-great-grandfather of William W. Holsopple, was born in 1684, in Crefeld, Germany, on the German border with Holland. His son, Erasmus, came to America in 1730 and settled near Carlisle, Pa.

William W. Holsopple — 1886

Priscilla Wenger Holsopple

The family suffered all the hardships of life on the frontier, including Indian raids. A grandson of Erasmus, Henry Holtzapfel, was burned at the stake in Ohio in 1817. The widow, with eight children, returned to western Pennsylvania.

William Holsopple (as the name by then was spelled) lived in Indiana, Pa. He long had his eyes set on Missouri, where an uncle lived. William came to Missouri in 1885 or 1886 by train, at the age of 22. He settled in Morgan County and worked as a hired man on the Wenger farm.

In October 1888, he married Priscilla Wenger, and they resided on the Wenger homestead, now owned by the Holsopple Trust. William and his wife raised four children: Joe, John, Lewis and Mary. William Holsopple died in 1943. His wife died in 1939.

The eldest, Joe, married in Iowa and lived there. He had three daughters. John, the second son, died in young manhood.

Lewis married Anna Shantz of Oklahoma and lived on one of the farms now included in the Holsopple Trust. He died in October, 1977. His children were John; Walter, who died in 1970; and Clara. John and Clara reside in a new home built on the family farm.

Mary, the one daughter of William Holsopple, pursued a career in nursing and missionary work. She now resides on the family farm with John and Clara Holsopple.

William Holsopple's brother, Hiram L., followed him to Missouri a few years later and married Sallie Bowman. They had one son, Chester, who lives in California.

## EMMET HOLST

Henry Holst was born in Bredstedt, Germany and migrated to Morgan County, Mo. in 1858. He was married to Margaret Caltner. They had four children; Emmet, Charles, Lillie, and Lucetta.

Emmet married Nellie Connor the daughter of John and Susan Carver Connor. They had fourteen children; Naomia (deceased), Jack, Kathryan, Wils, Johnny, Dalcy, Nell, Robert, Tiny, David, Dewy, Daniel, Nehemiah (deceased), and Noah. The family moved to Howard County in 1931 where Noah was born. Naomia is buried at the Ivy Cemetery at Gravios Mills. Emmet and Nellie are both buried at Glasgow Mo.

Jack Married Kathryn Kegal. They have three children; Larry, Arichie, Rebecka. Larry married Georgia West. They have six children; Debbie, Denise, Larry, Jammie, Denain, Dennett. Arichie married Francis Bupp. They have three children; Archie, Mark, Kathryn. Rebecka married Anthony Hufnagle. They have four children; Anthony, Timothy, Tiller, Tonnia. Jack and Kathryn divorced. Jack married Marie Hamilton. They live on a farm at Moberly, Mo.

Kathryn married Edgar Boggs. They have five children; Joe, Lavonna, Harry, Kenneth, and Earl. Joe married Ruby Sapp. They have three children; Barry Joe (deceased), Shelia, and Shannon. Lavonna married Coy Collins. They have two children; Jim and Susan. Harry married Wanda Eubanks. They have one daughter, Sandra. Kenneth married Donna Besselman. They have two sons; Danny and Kenny. Earl lives with his parents on a farm near New Franklin Mo.

Wils married Jean Stanley. They have one son, Michael. He married Margarett Rascoe. They have two children; Michael Jr. and Shani. Both families live on farms near New Franklin Mo.

Johnny married Ruth Burton. They have eleven children; Joann, Gene, Donald, Bobbie, Sandra, Jannet, Dennis, Debbie, Karen, Rena, Darrell (deceased). Johnny and Ruth live in Kansas City Mo.

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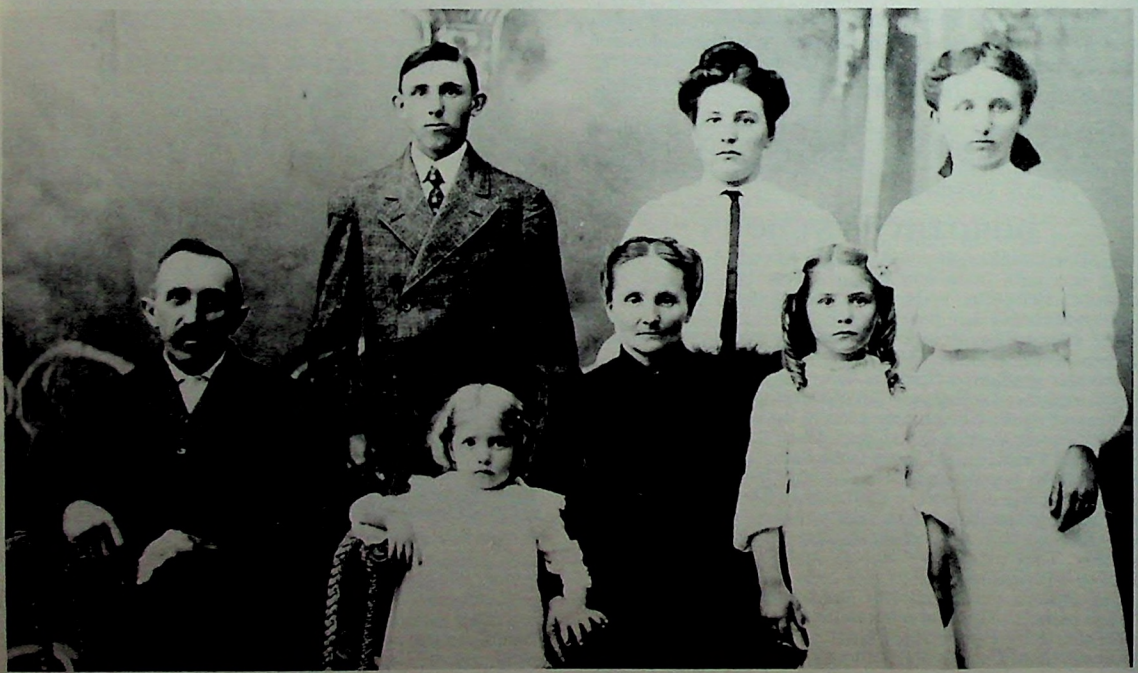
Dalcy married Thelma Avery. They have four children; Norman, Marrietta, Myron, Charla. Dalcy and Thelma live at Brandon Fla. Norman married Frances Barlett. They have



Marion Andreis Holst - 1908

*Front, l-r:* Marion Andreis, Carrie B., Mary and Bessie; *Back:* George, Mary and Emma.

three children; Jason, Adam, Zachary. Marrietta married Charles McLaughlin. They have two children; Eli, Hannah. Myron married Kathryn Roberts. They have one daughter, Heather. Charla married Ronney Russell.

Nell married Charley Boggs. They have three children; Dean, Richard, Aldena. Nell lives in Kansas City Mo.

Robert married Agnes Burn. They have three sons; Geary, James, Carroll. James married Sandee Neckum. They have one daughter, Stafanie. Carroll married Cindy Strope. They have one daughter, Kristine. Robert and Agnes divorced. Robert married Norene Robbins. They live on a farm near New Franklin Mo.

Tiny married Robert Burton. They have three children; Dwain, Joyce, Kevin. Dwain married Marilyn Gilbo. They have two children; Justin and Dwain Jr. Joyce married Alvin Collifeo and has two daughters; Wendell, Robbiee. Kevin married Roselea Favani. Robert is deceased. Tiny married Harold Chapin. Tiny lives in Sturgis, Mich.

David married Lois Branstetter. They have five children; Alan, Ray, Holly, Beth, Barbara. Alan married Carolyn Crews. They have one son, Carl. Ray married Darlene Britt. They have two children; Troy, Amy. Holly married Randall Kioh. They have one son, Eric. Beth married Tom Gottsman. They have one daughter, Joyna. Beth and Tom divorced. Beth married Ron Taylor. They have one son, Toby. Barbara married Harold Wilson. David and Losi live in Fayette Mo.

Dewy married Lillie Nation. They have one daughter, Vinita. Vinita married Keith Adams. They have one son, Bruce. Vinita and Keith divorced. Vinita married Jerry King and they have one son, Aaron. Dewy and Lillie live in Kansas City Mo.

Daniel married Paulene Wallcott. They have four children; Rickey, Paula, Denell, Randy. The family lives at Bur Oak Mich.

Nehemiah married Bryon Vanskike. They have six children; Brenda, Monte, Gretchen, Penny, Nathan, Brian. Nehemiah is deceased. Brenda married David Filkins. Monte married Cory Rosen. They have one son Keith. Monte is deceased. Nehemiah lived in Michigan. Penny married Carl Pickett. They have one child, Angela.

Noah and his wife Shirley have four children; Dianna, Glyn, Tracy, Lori. Noah and Shirley live in Michigan.
*Kathyrn (Holst) Boggs*

## MARION ANDRAIS HOLST

*Marion Andrais Holst*, son of Nicholas and Maria Dorathea Klahn Holst, was born October 30, 1857. (See Nicholas Jaynes Holst biography). He was a farmer and lived on a farm on Soap Creek now owned by Wm Carr. On February 17, 1884 he was married to *Mary Josephine Meyer*, daughter of Leo D. and Frances Marzic Meyer. They were the parents of seven children, two died in infancy. The others were:

*George Marion* who married May Walters. Their children were Fern-Mrs Marshall Silvey; Mildred-Mrs Winfred (Pete) Hibdon-Mrs Aubrey Gabriel: Earl; Maxine-Mrs Ray Wilkins. (See Redrick O. Walters) *Mary Katherine* (Mamie) married Thomas Owens. They adopted a son, Ronnie. He married Sandra Merriott. *Emma Olga* married Phillip Merriott. They had one son, Walter. He married Frances Evans. *Bessie Lenora* married Leo Kent of Iowa. *Carrie Belle* married Theodore Dykier of Chicago. Neither Bessie nor Carrie had any children.

Nicholas and Maria Holst, Marion and Mary J. Holst and George and May Holst are buried at Holst Cemetery near Gravios Mills. Phillip and Emma Merriott and Thomas and Mary Owens are buried in the Versailles City Cemetery. *Carrie B Dykier*

## NICHOLAS JAYNES HOLST

Compulsory military service in Germany sparked the emigration of the Holst family to the United States. Since their arrival in 1858, descendants have lived in Morgan County.

Nicholas Jaynes and Maria Dorothea Klahn Holst lived in the village of Bredstedt in the province of Schleswig-Holstein in northern Germany. Nicholas was a leatherworker and a harness maker.

William Dorsey and Janet Louise Holst

Nicholas Jay and Ida Bell Scott Holst

The couple had six sons and one daughter and Nicholas did not want to see his sons in military service. The family set sail from Hamburg, Germany, in December, 1857 and arrived in New Orleans in late January, 1858. They traveled up the Mississippi River to St. Louis then up the Missouri River to Boonville. There they heard of land in the Soap Creek area in southern Morgan County and settled there.

One of the sons was Nicholas Jaynes Holst who married Rachel Jane James from High Point on April 17, 1872. The couple had six children and three infants who died. The children included John Henry, Letrecia Birdine, Thomas Rosson, Nicholas Jay, Hiram Cleveland and Missouri Iola.

John married Laura Carrie Maynard and lived much of his life in Montana where he was the commissioner of Indian Schools. Letrecia married Charles Rastofer and eventually moved to California. Thomas Rosson married Jessie Effie Forster and they lived in Versailles. Hiram Cleveland married Neola Mae Russell and spent most of his life in Colorado. Iola married Louis Frederick (Pat) Johnson and lived in Eldon.

Nicholas Jay was born Oct. 19, 1882 and had a twin brother, Charles, who lived only 16 days. He married Ida Belle Scott Jan. 27, 1908.

The couple had four children. The oldest was William Dorsey born July 3, 1909 in Camden County. The other children were Ralph Basil who moved to Maryland and died in 1972. Daisy Ruth lived only two years. The youngest son, Elvin Victor, now lives in California State.

Dorsey married Janet Louise Davis on May 28, 1944 and the couple have lived in Morgan County since their marriage. Dorsey worked for 15 years at Kidwell Vault Company in Versailles and is now retired.

They have five children. Louise Kay, who is married to Jim Sherwood, lives in Holly, Colo. and is a teacher. William Dorsey (Bill) lives in Mission, Kan. where he works for Kansas City Power and Light Company. David Jay, who lives in Versailles, works for L.P. and H. Construction Co. in Tipton. Janet Ruth is married to Kenneth Looten and they have one son, Kevin. They live in Eugene and she is elementary librarian at the Versailles school. The youngest, Elizabeth Sue, lives in Boonville and works at the Boonville Daily News. *By Sue Holst*

## ROSS HOLST

In the early 1850's the Holst family came to Morgan County, Mo. from Germany. They settled on a farm of several acres in south Morgan County in the Soap Creek area. Nicholas Jay Holst, age 10, was one of the youngest members of the family.

Nicholas Jay Holst married Rachel James and they had six children: John, Bertie, Ross, Jay, Hiram and Ola.

Ross, whose full name was Thomas Rossen Holst, was born June 15, 1879 and died July 13, 1960. He married Effie Jessie Forster in 1903. Ross lived his whole life in Morgan County as a farmer and blacksmith. In 1905 Ross and Effie adopted a boy, Harry McMullen, who was born in Illinois Aug. 8, 1899. He is now in a rest home in Ohio.

Ross and Effie had one child of their own, Nicholas Forster Holst, born Aug. 22, 1910. In 1920 Ross and Effie adopted a sweet little girl, Ora, to whose name they added Jessie. She was born March 1, 1914.

Nicholas (Nick) Holst, born on a farm nine miles east of Versailles, Mo. attended East Prairie school and the Versailles school. He worked on the farm and later in a shoe factory in Versailles. In 1932 he and his cousin, Elmore Forster, whom he always regarded as a brother, joined the U.S. Navy.

On Aug. 5, 1933 Nicholas Holst married Vina Gilbert in Seattle, Wash. They had three daughters, Agnes Effie, born Aug. 15, 1934, in San Diego, Calif., Nixie Vivian, born July 29, 1939 at Independence, Mo. and Glenda Sue Ellen, born Jan. 2, 1948 at San Point Naval Hospital, Washington.

Agnes Effie married Ralph Gerald Henderson. Their children: Ralph Nicholas, Ross Lee, Ellise Agnes, Reed Ellis and Rex Allen. Live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Nixie Vivian married James Edward Hill. Their children: Venee Suzann Hill and James Edward Hill. Nixie was divorced. Married Thomas Maloney and they live in Van Nuys, Calif. Glenda Sue Ellen married James Swanton and their children are Nicholas James and Max Joseph, and live at Port Hardy, B.C. Canada.

Jessie Ora Holst married Carl Widowski. Their children: Freda Mae, Rose Ann, and Ellen. Freda married Charles McDow and they live at Raytown, Mo.; Rose Ann married Gregory Hull, live in Illinois. Ellen married Paul Spangrud and lives at Phoenix, Ariz.

Jessie Ora's husband, Carl, died and she now lives at Eldon, Mo.

Nicholas Holst Family

*Top, l-r:* Hiram, Jay, John, Ross, Ola; *Bottom:* Nicholas Jay and wife, Rachel and Bertie Holst.

Nicholas and Vina Holst are retired and live at Yellville, Ark. *by Nicholas (Nick) Holst*

## WILLIAM PETER HOLST

William Peter Holst was born in Germany in 1854, He came to America with his parents, Nicholas and Maria Dorothea Klahn Holst, in 1862. They settled on a farm in south Morgan County where the old Holst school house now stands.

Katy Frances Meyer, born in New Ulm, Minn. Nov. 7, 1862, moved to Salem, Ill. with her parents, Leo D. and Frances E. Meyer, when she was three years old. When she was seven the family moved to Morgan County, Mo. to a farm in the Gravois Mills area, near Highway J. The Joe Walters family were close neighbors of the Holst family.

In 1880 William Holst and Katy Meyer were married. They bought a farm that lies on both sides of Highway 5 at Soap Creek and joining the property that now houses the South Elementary School of Morgan County R-II District. They lived their entire married life there.

They had seven children, three sons dying at birth. The other children Leo Nicholas, who lived near Proctor before the Lake of the Ozarks was formed. He married Rose Martin and they had two sons, Orville and Roy.

William Frank married Beatrice Newton. They had five children, Herschel, who died at birth, Clyde, Harry, Delmar, and Mrs. Edwin (Frances) Rehmer.

Minnie Belle married James Marion Silvey and they spent their entire life on a farm just north of the Holst farm. They had three children, Ferrell and Berthena, who died as infants, and Vera Moree (Mrs. Vincent Staudenraus.)

Katy Lenora married Elmer Offineer and lived on a farm adjoining the Marion Silvey farm on the north. Five children were born, Eunice, who died in infancy, Mrs. Thornton (Laverne) Clark, Arnol, Kenneth and Norman.

William Peter Holst was a lifelong farmer and early day ecologist. He taught his family the love of nature and animals and to preserve the resources.

Earl Homan Family

## EARL HOMAN

Earl Homan was born in Morgan County near Otterville, and he has always lived here except during World War II. He served in Europe as a truck driver, 35th Division. In 1954 he married Gladys Jacobs. They have three sons Charley, employed at Veuleman's Elevator, Otterville, Wayne and Glenn of the home, and one daughter, Mrs. Rick (Judy) Holem, Otterville, a bank teller in Sedalia. Earl is a cattle farmer, having bought land in Morgan and Cooper Counties. He is also employed by Bixler Gas Co., Otterville, where his main job is driving a large propane gas truck. They are active members of the First Baptist Church, Otterville. They are planning to build a new church there and Earl is treasurer of the building committee.

Earl's great-great grandparents, David and Lydia Thomas Homan, came to Missouri from Virginia in 1839 and settled near Clifton City. They were both born in Virginia. His great grandparents were Richard Thomas and Virginia Wear Homan. His grandparents were Samuel Madison and Susan Fiandt Homan. (Susan's parents, Moses and Hester Williams Fiandt came from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.) Samuel Madison died six months before Samuel was born. Susan worked hard raising nine children alone. Earl's parents are Samuel M. and Stella Williams Homan. Earl's brothers and sisters are LeRoy, Homer, Mrs. George (Eunice) Neitzert, Mrs. Gordon (Ilene) Wolf, Mrs. Charles (Meleta) Brodersen, and Mrs. Allen (Mildred) Stahl.

Earl's mother's grandfather, William Williams, was born in Wales, June 30, 1818. He left Wales with his family Dec. 30 of that year. His father got sick while on the ocean, died and was buried at sea. William said he "learned to walk on the water" because he learned to walk while on board the ship. They settled in Ohio and William married Jane Evans. They moved to Missouri. One of their five children, Robert Walker Williams, born in 1848, was Stella William's father. He married Mary Sophronia Cramer, daughter of Divid Cramer, and settled near Florence, having sixteen children; thirteen lived to be grown.

Gladys Jacobs and her sister Dorothy came to Morgan County from Cole County in 1943 to live with the Alvin Phillips family. Her father, Roy Jacobs, was killed in a train-car accident in 1936. He was a Baptist deacon at Elston. His parents were Henry and Annie Siebeneck Jacobs. Henry's father, John, a blacksmith, was born in Russia in 1828. John's wife, Catharine, was born in Germany.

On Gladys' mother's side, her great-great-great-great grandparents, Abraham and Jane McNeil came to this country from Bellemoony, Ireland in 1750. They were of Scotch descent. Their line: They were the parents of Deacon William who married Rachel Patterson, parents of Peter who married Mary Stiles, parents of Peter Patterson McNeil who married Sarah Elston. Sarah's ancestors came from Wales and settled in New Jersey. Her grandfather, Elias Elston, came to Mo. from Tennessee in 1817 soon after Daniel Boone. Sarah's grandfather, Lewis Clark Anthony, was captured and raised by the Indians. Gladys' mother was Gladys Kelbly Jacobs, daughter of John D. Kelbly whose father, Xavier, came to this country from Baden, Germany when he was only nine with his sixteen year old brother. John married Lydia McNeil, daughter of Peter Patterson McNeil. This is just another example of why our country is called the Melting Pot of Nations.

## GEORGE W. HOMAN

George W. Homan, with his parents and other relatives, came to Morgan County from Kentucky and Virginia. He married Sally Bohon in 1826. He died in 1896. Eight children

were born to George and Sally Homan: Milton, Walter, William, David, Frank, Mary, Amanda and Sally.

Frank Homan was born Oct. 2, 1858. He married Fanny Ross, and they had three children: Sadie, born Jan. 9, 1886; Gertrude, born Mar. 4, 1888; and George Homan. Frank Homan lived his entire life on a farm one mile from his birthplace. Sadie Homan lived her life on the farm where she was born. She reached the age of 83 years, and died June 18, 1969. She is buried at Otterville, Mo., in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. *by Mrs. Ed Schlobohm*

## SADIE HOMAN

Sadie Homan was born Jan. 9, 1886, and died June 18, 1969, at the age of 83. A lifelong resident of Morgan County, Sadie continued to live on the family farm after the death of her parents, Frank and Fanny Ross Homan. Her mother's sister, Dosia Ann Ross (born Aug. 10, 1870; died April 1, 1944) lived with her.

Miss Homan's paternal grandparents were Madison Montevil Ross (1839-1904) and his first wife, Sarah Ann Martin Ross (1840-1876), early settlers in Morgan County.

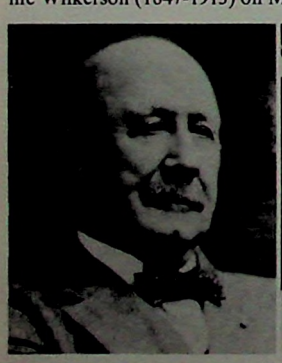
Sadie Homan worked hard at running the family farm. She was a good cook and liked to entertain neighbors and relatives. People remember the fish fries and ice cream parties at her home.

She was elected first president of the Stony Point Embroidery Club, organized Jan. 11, 1908, at the home of Miss Zetta Wagenknecht, a neighbor whose farm adjoined the Homan farm on the east. Sadie served as president of the club for 42 years. Members met each Thursday afternoon in different members' homes, and learned all kinds of needlecraft, knitting, crocheting, tatting, quilt-making and other crafts.

Sadie Homan was a member of the Otterville Presbyterian Church. *By Mrs. Gerald Yarnell*

## THOMAS HOOK

Thomas Hook (1845-1925) was the son of Elijah and Hannah (Shoemaker) Hook who farmed near Boonville in Cooper County. His mother died at his birth and his father married Mary Shoemaker in 1849. Elijah, Mary and his children Lydia, James and Thomas moved to Florence in Morgan County, 1854. Thomas Hook served in the Union Army during the Civil War as a gunsmith. He married Amelia Catherine Wilkerson (1847-1913) on March 8, 1868 in Florence.



Thomas Hook

Mrs. Thomas Hook

Amelia was the daughter of Thomas Wilkerson, a school teacher who was born in Dublin, Ireland and Elizabeth Walker (1812-1902). Elizabeth was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Shur) Walker who were both born in Penn. They settled in Delaware County, Ohio where eight children were born and moved to Morgan County in 1838. Thomas and Elizabeth Wilkerson were the parents of Amelia, Lucy Ann Albers, Zillah Palmer Scarlett, Francis Elizabeth Fischer, Laura Louise and Belford Allen.

Thomas and Amelia Hook were the parents of Nora (Mrs. David Eaton), Maud (Mrs. Bill Shaw), Francis (Mrs. Andy Bulla), Mary, Alma, and two sons who died in infancy. Mr. Hook was a farmer in Richland Township, a merchant in Florence and a contractor in Kansas City. Alma, a bookkeeper, and Mary, a stenographer, lived with their parents and cared for them during their final illnesses.

## PETER HOSKINS

Peter Hoskins, born Nov. 24, 1860 in Louisville, Ky., died Aug. 6, 1945 in Wilder, Idaho. Married Nancy Ann Denny June 6, 1877 in Kentucky.

Joe and Jerusha Haskens - married 50 years, 1952

Their eleven children were Samuel, May 30, 1878, died Mar. 11, 1962; Lizzie, born Dec. 27, 1879, died Nov. 24, 1955; Mary Belle, born Sept. 14, 1881, died as a child; Joe, born Dec. 10, 1883, died July 1, 1960; Charley, born Jan. 3, 1887, died Feb. 15, 1960; Pearl, born Aug. 17, 1889, died Nov. 17, 1958; Mossie, born April 5, 1891, died Oct. 2, 1963; Elige, born Jan. 23, 1893, died 1976; Monta, born Dec. 23, 1894, date of death unknown; Doxie, born Sept. 30, 1898, died Oct. 15, 1913; Ollie, born Jan. 26, 1901, died 1976.

Peter Hoskins traveled with his family from Kentucky to Morgan County, Mo. in the early 1900's. He was a Church of God minister and reared his family on the farm.

In 1944 he and his wife left Missouri and went to Wilder, Idaho, where he died. Two grandsons reared in his home were Kenneth and Charley Marriott, sons of his daughter, Ollie, and husband, Paul Marriott.

Joe Hoskins, son of Peter and Nancy Ann (Denny) Hoskins, traveled with his parents from Kentucky in the early 1900's and settled in south Morgan County. On May 25, 1902 he married Jerusha Bailey, daughter of George and Mary Bailey. Their seven children: Jack, Almon, Gladys, Dica, Alma, Ruth and Delbert.

Joe spent most of his life on farms in Morgan, Miller and Moniteau counties. In 1942 he bought a farm east of Fortuna, Mo. which he and his son, Delbert, farmed until 1958 when his health failed and he retired and moved to Fortuna, where he died July 1, 1960. He is buried at Big Rock Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jack Hoskins, born Sept. 9, 1903, died Nov. 27, 1967, at Lee's Summit, Mo. is buried in Lee's Summit cemetery. On Oct. 23, 1920 he married Bessie Griffin at Lebanon, Mo. They had two children, Lloyd and Naomi. This marriage ended in divorce.

Almon, born Jan. 28, 1907, died July 14, 1968 at Independence, Mo., married Addie Graham at Barnett, Mo. Their children: Lannie, Gail, Bernadine, Eunice, Donnie, Delorse and Gary. Almon later married Gladys Gabbert and she lives at Independence.

Gladys, born Jan. 13, 1910, married Herbert Bellamy Feb. 25, 1929. He died Dec. 9, 1975. Gladys and Herbert were in the plumbing business in Versailles for 33 years and retired Jan. 1, 1972. They had no children. Gladys lives in Versailles.

Dica, born Oct. 1, 1913, married Garland James. Their Children: Ellen, Lee, Verna, Garland, Jr., JoAnn and Jimmy. After Garland's death, Dica married Ray Harley, who died May 27, 1960. Dica retired from the drapery business at Huntington Beach, Calif. and lives near Lampa, Mo.

Alma, born June 20, 1916, married Gilbert Strother May 12, 1934. Their children: Juanita, and a son, James, who died in infancy. Gilbert died Dec. 27, 1960. Alma retired from A&P Grocery Co. and resides in Sedalia, Mo.

Ruth, born Mar. 6, 1919, married Roy W. Marriott Mar. 9, 1942 and lives at Fortuna, Mo. No children.

Delbert, born Feb. 26, 1924, married Wilma Dowell Oct. 30, 1952. One son, Bennie Joe, born Dec. 28, 1966. They moved to Fortuna in 1958 where he operated a filling station. They still reside at Fortuna. *Gladys Hoskins Bellamy*

## LEVI HOUSWORTH

Levi and Lisa Housworth were born at Crittenden, Mo. in Camden County. They were parents of Lewis, Frank, George, Marion, Thomas Lee, Clara, Harriet, Melissa and Alva Housworth.

Alva Housworth married Columbus Waisner and lived at Climax Springs. Mo.

Thomas Lee Housworth married Anna Emma Ash, daughter of William and Rachel Hart Ash at Crittenden, Mo. Anna had brothers and sisters, Jim, Soud, George, Mary, Ella and Ada Ash; also half-brothers Thomas Benton, Billy and Ned Bishop.

Thomas and Anna were parents of the following children; Violet, Myrtle, Chancy Carlston, Nealie Ellen, Bonnie Mae, Lulu Hellen, Ernest Elmer, Beulah Lea and Glenn Donald Housworth.

Violet was a school teacher and died at an early age.

Chancy married Lena Gooch, they were parents of Carol Sue who married Robert Robinett. Their two children are Robin and Chris Robinett.

Nealie Ellen married Charley Daulton and are parents of Bob, Dan and Betty Lou Daulton. Bob married Mary Hotsenpiller and have two sons, Gary and Larry Daulton. Dan married Donna Peoples and they have three children, Danny, Michael and Lisa Daulton. Betty Lou Daulton married David Terhune and are parents of Perry and Laura Terhune.

Bonnie Mae Housworth married Theodore Daulton at Belton, Mo. They are parents of Donnie Paul, Beverly, Theodore Jr., Monte and Diana Daulton.

Lulu Helen Housworth married William Baughman.

Ernest Housworth married Lorena Smiley, they are parents of Carolyn Joyce and Loren Ray Housworth. They were farmers and dairymen around Versailles, Mo. Carolyn Joyce married William R. Silvey and are parents of two children; Joyce Gayle Silvey, a beautician in Jefferson City, Mo. and Jeffry Dale Silvey. William Silvey works for Central Dairy out of Jefferson City, Mo. and lives at Versailles, Mo. Loren Ray Housworth married Betty Apsher. They are parents of Kamala Rae, Byron Wade and Stacy Sanoma Housworth. Loren works for United Telephone, formerly at Warrensburg, now at Rolla, Mo.

Beulah Lea Housworth married Lloyd Morris. They are parents of Ruth Ann and Alan Morris. Ruth Ann married Lewis "Buster" Morrison, and have a daughter, Cindy Morrison. Alan married Cheryl Palecek and are parents of Travis Morris.

Glen Donald Housworth married Beulah McMullin. They are parents of Thomas Edwin, Linda Fae and Connie Beth Housworth. Thomas Edwin and Shelly have Tommy, Haley and Charley Housworth. Linda married Danny Cable and are parents of Dana Lea and Seth Michael Cable.

Thomas Lee and Anna Housworth had to sell their farm to the Bagnell Dam Company when the Dam was built. They were farmers all their lives. They moved to Harrisonville, Mo. for a few years, then moved to Versailles, Mo. for the remainder of their lives.

## THOMAS HOWSER

The Howser family immigrated from Germany, settling in Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

Thomas Howser

Warner Howser

Thomas Howser, son of Warner and Elizabeth Kays Howser, was born in Kentucky in 1832, died July 1, 1903, and is buried in Hopewell cemetery near Barnett, Missouri. He came to Missouri at an early age, and purchased a tract of land in the Gravois Creek bottom near Gladstone, Missouri (Morgan County).

Thomas married Nancy Agee. They were the parents of one son, Warner, Born August 28, 1855, died March 14, 1914.

On March 11, 1877, Warner married Martha Elizabeth Anderson. They purchased a tract of land near Gladstone, where they lived and reared their family. They were the parents of ten children: Rotha, Thomas Henry, William Warner, Wilda, Jennie Lee, Walter Frederick, Vivian, Lon, Preston, and Jessie Bell, who died in infancy.

Rotha married Joseph William Pace. Their children are: Lois (Mrs Vencil Chipley, Laurie, Missouri), Joseph (Gravois Mills, Missouri), Brooks (Jefferson City, Missouri), and Fred (Versailles, Missouri).

Henry married Rosa Rastofer. Their children are: Everett (Versailles, Missouri), Dorothy (Mrs. George Berkstresser, Barnett) Thomas Bethel (Barnett), and Paul Vernon (Grandview, Missouri).

Wilda married Willard Stevens. They were the parents of two children: Fannie (Mrs. Harry Meyer, Hughesville, Missouri), and a daughter who died in infancy.

Jennie Married Edward Johnson. Their children are: Thelma, (Mrs. Edwin Weir), Edward Warner, and Maliveene (Mrs. Carl Chapman).

Vivian married Velma Scarbrough. They were the parents of one daughter, Velma (deceased).

Preston married Ozelle Holman. Their children are: Lucille (Mrs. Nelson Gerhart, San Diego, California), and Wilda Jo (Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Drexel, Missouri).

William, Frederick and Lon were unmarried.

After the death of Martha Elizabeth, Warner married Emma Gardner. They were the parents of one daughter, Edna.

The Howser homestead remained in the family, and was operated by Lon, Vivian, and Preston, until, like many of the residents of South Morgan County, they were forced to relocate by the building of Bagnell Dam. The brothers then went to Shannon County (Birch Tree) to make their home. Preston

and his family later returned to Morgan County. He and his wife, Ozelle, now reside in Versailles.

After the death of his first wife, Elizabeth, Thomas Howser married Emily Humes. They were the parents of one son, Thomas Jefferson (Fred). Thomas J. married Permelia Webb, who died in July, 1922. On February 8, 1926, he married Gladys M. Wilson. They were the parents of three children: Ray Doland, John Thomas, and Joretta Lorene (Mrs. Paul J. Allee). Joretta has her grandmother's wedding ring, made from gold mined by her grandfather, Thomas Howser, during the Gold Rush of 1850.

After the death of Emily Humes Howser, Thomas married Louisa Webb. They had five children: Elmer, Kearney, Emmett, Orville and Leta.

Elmer married Nettie Carter. They had two children: Kermit and Juanita (Mrs. Harold Atkinson).

Kearney married Cecil Wood. They were the parents of eleven children: Thomas, Richard, Burk, Giles, James, Louise, Joan, Emmett, Rose, Otta Lee, and Donna Sue.

Emmett married Julius Cotton. They had two children: Howser and Lillian.

Orville married Velma Holman. They had one child, Byron. Leta married Richard McDonald.

Because of confusion in mail delivery, some of the descendants of Thomas Howser changed the spelling to "Houser".
*by Mrs. Vencil Chipley*

## THOMAS TEMPLE HOYNE (DR. OF DENTISTRY)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Hoyne arrived in Morgan County, Missouri, in July of 1963 following his graduation from the University of Kansas City School of Dentistry. Dr. Hoyne has been in private dental practice from August of 1963 to the present; the Hoyne Dental Clinic is located in Stover on the southwest corner of Mimosa Drive and Highway 52. Their home is of white brick; built in 1975 on the southeast corner of Woodlawn Drive and Hughes Street in Stover.

Dr. Thomas T. Hoyne, his father Col. John T. Hoyne both in "Who's Who in American Indian Relics."

Thomas Temple Hoyne is a native of Salina, Kansas, and was born in that city to Colonel John Thomas Hoyne and Opal Fisher Hoyne on May 13, 1935. He has one sister, Marlene Hoyne White, of Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Hoyne is a graduate of Salina High School, University of Kansas, U.S. Army Officer's Chemical Corps School and the University of Kansas City School of Dentistry.

He is a member of the American Dental Association, Royal Society of Health of England, Society of American Military Engineers, Christ Lutheran Church of Stover and Boy Scouts of America. As an active leader in the scouting program in Morgan County since 1963, he received the national silver beaver medal in 1972 and the national Lutheran silver lamb scouting service award in 1976.

Dr. Hoyne married Naomi Jeannette Nelson of the "1906 Ranch" of Holt County, Nebraska, June 21, 1961. A native of Holt County, Nebraska, she was born February 7, 1938, to the late Paul Nelson and Marjorie Hendricks Nelson. One brother, Paul A. Nelson, moved from an agriculture related position in Washington, D.C., to the "1906 Ranch" in 1978. She is the granddaughter of long time Nebraska State Senator Frank Nelson who died in 1966. The name of the Nelson family ranch indicates the year of Frank Nelson's first homestead in Holt County. Mrs. Hoyne is the great-granddaughter of Paul and Margaretha Ulrichsen Nelson who arrived in the Nebraska Territory near the end of the U.S. Civil War from Holstebro, Denmark.

Dr. Thomas Hoyne is former president of the Morgan County Archaeological Society. He and his father are listed in "Who's Who in American Indian Relics."

Dr. Hoyne's ancestors came to America from Germany and Ireland and had settled in the midwest prior to the U.S. Civil War. Eventually, his great-grandfather homesteaded in Saline County, Kansas, near the present town of Salina. His family history represents men involved in farming, military and engineering, but he is the first one to enter the dental profession.
*By Dr. Thos. Hoyne*

## DOUGLAS GERALD HUBBARD

Lieut. Col. Douglas Gerald Hubbard was born in Versailles Sept. 14, 1895, son of George H. and Nancy Ivy Hubbard.

Lieut.-Col. Douglas G. Hubbard

He attended the Versailles schools and Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Mo.

His father, George H. Hubbard, born Nov. 1, 1865 - died Aug. 26, 1947, was born at Syracuse, Mo., son of William Timothy and Catherine Patterson Hubbard. He attended the Syracuse school and Clarksburg Academy at Clarksburg, Mo.

On May 16, 1894 he was married to Mary Nancy Ivy, born Nov. 25, 1870, daughter of Monroe and Elizabeth Ivy. She was born at Crittendon, Mo.

George H. Hubbard came to Versailles in 1890 and was deputy county clerk. He later established Hubbard Abstract Company, which was carried on by his son, Douglas. George had a sister, Sally Hubbard, who died in infancy and two brothers, Dr. Douglas J. Hubbard and Will Hubbard.

George and Mary Nancy Hubbard had two children, Douglas G. Hubbard and Gladys Hubbard, who married Mara T. Keevil and lived all her married life at Syracuse.

George and Mary Nancy lived at 407 N. Monroe street in Versailles until her death on June 30, 1942. He then spent most of his time with his son, Douglas, and died at his home at 203 S. Van Buren street in Versailles of a heart attack.

Douglas G. Hubbard married Leah Milburn, duaghter of Joe and Nancy Ellen Fisher Milburn of Glensted, Mo. on July 11, 1918. Their children are Nancy Jane Harrington, now of Houston, Texas, who married George H. Harrington. (Their children are Ann Grant, Harriett Washburn and George, III.) Betty Jo Hubbard, married Gorden E. Crosby, and they live in New York City. (Their children are Gordon E. III and Dougas Hubbard Crosby.) George Hale Hubbard and his wife, Joann, have a son, Trent Hale, and live at Fort Gordon, Ga. Leah Milburn Hubbard died June 22, 1932.

Douglas Hubbard was in military service for 38 years and served in World War I and World War II. He received his first commission as a 2nd Lieut. in the OCS in 1918. He retired from military service in December, 1955.

On Dec. 30, 1947 he was married to Mary McKinzie. They had no children.

Douglas Hubbard was mayor of Versailles for two years and was a member of the Society of the American Legion Founders and a member of Morgan County Post 104 of the American Legion. An avid sportsman, he was also a member of the National Wildlife Association.

Douglas Hubbard died Jan. 22, 1968 at Fort Leonard Wood hospital. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. His widow, Mary, lives at the Hubbard home in Versailles.

## JOHN ANDREW HUBBARD

John Andrew Hubbard was born May 30, 1872 in Kansas City to Patrick and Ellen O'Sheedy Hubbard, who had come to Kansas City from Cork County, Ireland. John had three older sisters. His mother died when he was quite young and his father was presumably killed by Mexican bandits while working on the railroad in Mexico.

John had been left by his father in the care of some Catholic nuns and he eventually ran away from the home and at the age of twelve was taken from a freight train at Tipton, Mo. John Singer saw him and asked him to help drive some mules out to his farm near Fortuna, Mo. He then made his home with the Singer's and other families in the vicinity until his marriage.

One of Mr. Singer's grandsons, who was on the Kansas City police force was instrumental in reuniting John with his three sisters some twenty years later.

John Hubbard married Amanda E. Ferguson in 1897. She was the daughter of James M. and Elizabeth Ferguson, and she had come to Morgan County as a small child by wagon train from Hardin, Ill. They bought a small farm near St. Martin School where they lived until John died in 1940.

John and Amanda had five children, Robert Lee, died in 1968, Bennie Ray, died in 1975, twin daughters, Bessie Jane and Kate Elizabeth, and Nora Ruby.

Robert Lee Hubbard married Jennie Poteet in Kansas and they had two sons, William and Donald, both of the state of California. Bennie Ray married Velma Rose Hays, daughter of Frank and Dell Fulks Hays, who formerly lived in Morgan County. They had two children, Barbara Hubbard, Findlay and Richard Alan, who also live in the state of California.

Amanda E. Hubbard

John A. Hubbard

Bess Hubbard is retired and lives in Berkeley, Calif. Kate married Edgar Aldrich and they had two sons, Ralph Edgar (deceased) and Homer Lee, who resides in Marathon, Fla. Kate is retired and lives in Versailles.

Nora Ruby Hubbard married Orlyn White, son of John and Jerusha Carver White, and they have two daughters, Darla White Riley, who lives in Jefferson City, and Patricia Ann Guenther who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. Darla and her husband, Tom, have one son, Jimmy, and Patricia, who married Bob Guenther, has three children.

Amanda Hubbard, who was known as "Mother Hubbard" to the many school children who went to the old St. Martin School, died at the home of her daughter, Nora, in 1954. John and Amanda Hubbard are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

*Submitted by Kate Hubbard Aldridge*

## BIRTLE HUFF

Birtle Lee Huff was born March 8, 1893 in the Marvin, Mo. community, the son of John B. and Margaret O'Neal Huff. He had a brother, James E. Huff (now of Tipton) and a sister, Agnes Huff Ferguson (deceased).

Birtle Huff, age 50 in 1943, Jefferson City, State Legislature

Flora Huff, age 47, in 1943, Jefferson City.

He grew up on the farm and on August 20, 1916 he married Flora Whittle of Iberia, Mo., daughter of James B. and Mary Ann Keeth Whittle. They had one son, Elmer Gregory, born July 4, 1917.

They moved to Versailles from the farm at Marvin in 1923. He operated a taxicab service in Versailles and she was employed in the Scotia Telephone Co. office in Versailles for seven years.

"I remember working nights there and I had a cot where I could lie down and sleep when I wasn't busy at the switchboard," she said. "There was a loud night bell that woke me up when a call came in and I got up and answered it."

She worked when the old head phones were worn by telephone operators who plugged in the drops on the switchboard. She also worked for several years at the Ben Franklin Store when Miss Clara Nussbaumer was owner. She was also treasurer of the Morgan County Benefit Insurance Assn. for eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Huff operated a rooming house for many years at their home on East Newton street.

Birtle Huff was Morgan County treasurer for several years, served as justice of the peace and city police judge in Versailles and was representative from Morgan County in the Missouri Legislature at Jefferson City from 1942 to 1950.

Their son, Gregory, married Ira Lu Williams June 3, 1938 and they had three children, Bob, born Nov. 24, 1940, (whose children are Gregory Hilding and Anna Christine, and lives at Estherville, Ia.); Becky, born Oct. 17, 1942, (whose children are Carol Ann, Cynthia Kay and William Craig, and lives at Gravois Mills), and Rachel, who was born Dec. 12, 1950 (whose children are Kathleen Lynn and Laura Lee and lives at Overland Park, Kas.).

Birtle Huff died May 21, 1970 and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. Mrs. Huff is now a patient at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home at Versailles.

## ALFRED HUFFMAN

Alfred Huffman moved to Morgan County, Mo. in May, 1945 after receiving a medical discharge from the U.S. Army. He bought land known as Navajo Beach on the Lake of the Ozarks, Gravois Mills, Mo. in Sept., 1944.

His wife, Leeta Long Huffman, whom he married in November, 1937, and daughter, Barbara Ann, born in Jackson County, Mo. in March, 1943, moved with him to Morgan County. Their son, Thomas Hubert, was born in Dec., 1946.

Alfred was born Oct., 1915 at Pleasant Hill, Mo. His mother, Minnie Dobbins Nickhoff now resides at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home at Versailles. She moved to Morgan County in 1956.

Leeta was born in Sept., 1918 in Raymore County, Mo. Both her parents are deceased.

Barbara Ann attended Gravois Mills school for eight years. She was one of the last of the 8th grade graduation classes from Gravois Mills. She graduated from Morgan County R-II High School in 1961. In 1962 she married Roger Chamberlain, son of Arvil and Ruby Chamberlain of Morgan County. Barbara and Roger now have two daughters, Jennifer Ann and Amy Lynn, and live at Raymore, Mo.

Thomas Hubert attended Morgan County R-II schools and was graduated in 1965. He attended Molar Barber College in Kansas City, from which he graduated in Jan., 1966. He and his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Kelly Sue, live in Morgan County. Kelly Sue is attending Morgan County R-II school.

Alfred and family enlarged and operated Navajo Beach resort for 32 years and sold the resort in Oct., 1977. In 1964 Alfred bought more land in Morgan County and opened a trailer court. He rents land to fifteen trailer spaces at the trailer court.

There have been many changes in Morgan County since Alfred and Leeta Huffman moved here, especially in the lake area. *by Leeta Huffman*

## OLIVER HUFFMAN

Oliver Huffman was born six miles southwest of Versailles on September 21, 1892. His parents were Thomas and Mary Jane Miller Huffman. There were only five living children in the family, he was the youngest. His grandparents were Andrew and Mary Ann Moore Huffman and Jonathan and Sarah Miller.

The Huffmans
*Back:* Cecil, Norman, Fred, Greg, Aubrey; *Front:* Wade, Vencil, Oliver, Earl, Donald.

At the age of 25 he married Elizabeth Kathryn (Kate) Friedly, oldest daughter of Fred and Donna Napier Friedly. Soon after his marriage he was inducted into the United States Army. He served with the army in France during World War I.

Oliver was the father of nine children, all boys. The first son was born in 1919 and the last in 1935.

Mr. Huffman was a farmer most of his life.

The Huffman children went to the rural schools of Morgan County. The older children started school at Smiley school west of Versailles. In 1927 they moved to a farm near Excelsior. The children attended Providence School. The family returned to Smiley School area in 1944 where the younger children finished school.

Kate Huffman died of cancer in 1939 when the oldest son was twenty and the youngest 4½. She was the first person to be buried in the Oak Park section of the Versailles Cemetery.

After World War II the five oldest boys were all married within a period of a year and two days.

Cecil married Dorothy Arnold of Boonville in 1946. They had a daughter, Kathy. Cecil lives in Columbia, Missouri. His life work has been in the pest control business there.

Norman married Doris Metzer of Laurence, Kansas in 1946. They had twin girls, Carol and Cheryl, born in 1948. Both still live in Sedalia. Norman was in the pest control business. Norman died in 1977.

Fred Huffman the third son married Mary Harris in 1945. They were the parents of one child, Richard. Fred and Richard are in the automotive parts business in Denver, Colorado.

Greg married Marjorie Peoples, daughter of Aubrey Peoples in 1946. They and their children, Letha, Teresa, and Nick all reside in the state of California. Greg worked for the Cypress Park and Recreation in Orange County, California until he was forced to retire in 1978 because of poor health. Greg died June, 1979.

Aubrey married Betty, daughter of Edgar (Cap) Hutchison in 1946. They had two sons. Bobby Joe was killed in a car accident in 1969. Jimmy Don married Carolyn Scott. Jimmy Don is a barber in Eldon but they live in Morgan County. Aubrey is a barber and has his shop in Versailles.

In 1955 Donald married Dorothy Marriott Uptergrove, daughter of Ray Marriott. Jim, Kim, and LaDonna are their children. Donald spent much of his early adult life in Sedalia and Columbia but now lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Donald manages a tool and equipment warehouse.

Wade married Aretta Capps Silvey in 1977. No children. He has taught in the elementary school in Versailles for a number of years.

Earl the eighth son married Stella Marie Harms, daughter of Herbert Harms of Stover in 1951. They have two sons, David and Mike. Earl is in the automotive parts business in Denver, Colorado.

Vencil married June Rapp of Stover in 1955. Their children are Pam, Bruce, and Monica. Vencil lives in Denver, Colorado and works as a representative of a business firm.

Seven of the nine sons were in the military service.

In 1955 Mr. Huffman married Amy Wood Francis.

Oliver Huffman died in 1967. *By Wade Huffman*

## BOB HUGHES

Bob Hughes, son of James Hamilton Hughes and Mary Alice Polston, was born February 13, 1907 in Morgan County, Versailles, Missouri.

Bob Hughes

He married Laura E. Everly of Springfield, Missouri in 1948. Their children are; James Hamilton Hughes of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Alice Irene Sessler of El Cupertino, California, Peggy Larraine Kingsley and Hazel Jolene Siemer both of El Dorado, Kansas, Myra Elizabeth Hales of Talkeetna, Alaska, Martha Ellen Diskin, Whitesboro, Texas, and Byron Eugene Hughes of Widefield, Colorado. They have eighteen grandchildren.

Bob worked for the Missouri Highway Department, Civil Service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He served with the 972nd U.S. Engineers in World War II in the Southwest Pacific. After farming several years, he went into construction work in Kansas and Colorado. He served as construction engineer at the North Catamount Dam on Pikes Peak, worked at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Fort Carson and Norad, underground communications systems in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He retired in 1972, moved to Columbia, Missouri in 1973, where he now lives.

Bob has been interested all his life in fox hunting and fox hounds.

## JAMES H. HUGHES

James Hamilton Hughes, familiarly known as "Jim" throughout central Missouri during his adult life, was born to Gus and Mary Hughes in Henry County, Missouri, August 19, 1868. Orphaned at the age of fourteen, he was reared in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Sue Ellis, of Windsor.

James H. Hughes

Mrs. James H. Hughes

He married Mary Alice Polston, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. C.J. Polston, of Versailles, Missouri, on March 19, 1899. The young family lived at Windsor the first few years of their marriage.

Their residence in Windsor was interrupted for a short period of three years during which Mr. Hughes managed a cattle ranch near Dillon, Montana. It was a rather rugged life, and one not too far removed from the westward expansion of the United States. At the time one child, T.L., had been born to the family, and Indians living in the area made frequent visits to the ranch house to see the "white papoose". The usually unannounced appearance of the visitors was somewhat frightening to the Mother, even though the Indians were only curious and not unfriendly. During this period another son, Charles Metlin, was born, and the family shortly thereafter returned to Versailles. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes lived in Versailles until their decease.

To the marriage nine children were born, four sons and five daughters. The children were T.L. (deceased); Charles Metlin (deceased); Nellie Beth (Todd), California, Missouri; Bob, Columbia, Missouri; Hattie (Knoop) and Melva (Berry), Versailles; twin daughters, who died at birth, and Jim Frank (deceased). To her husband and children, Mary Alice Hughes devoted her long and fruitful life. A member of the Methodist Church from her early years, she yet maintained her interest therein, and in the welfare of her friends and neighbors, until prevented from doing so by illness during the latter years of her life. She survived her husband for twenty two years, becoming deceased January 26, 1953.

During the greater part of his business career Jim Hughes engaged in the business of stock dealing. His activities extended into most of central Missouri, and his reputation for fair dealing and friendliness were his greatest assets. Not only did he buy and sell for himself, but in addition he was frequently entrusted by other persons and companies to act on their behalf as an agent. Typical of such an operation was the occasion when he purchased some 563 cattle in Texas for a Boonville Cattle Company. Shipped by rail to the stockyards in Versailles, it required the help of most of the local men and boys to herd them through the streets of Versailles to their ultimate destination on a ranch in south Morgan County. No untoward incidents marred the drive except for one longhorn Hereford bull who charged through a plate-glass window at the Crewson-Petty Ford Company, then located on the court house square.

With the advent of the proposed hydro-electric project on the Osage River Mr. Hughes was approached by the Union Electric Company to become a land buyer to assist in acquir-

ing the land to be inundated. The people living in the area which ultimately became the Lake of the Ozarks were faced with the emotionally traumatic choice of either selling their land voluntarily or being condemned by court procedures. The wide personal acquaintanceship of Mr. Hughes with many of these people, his knowledge of land values, and above all, his understanding of the deep attachment of the people for their homes, their farms, their churches, their cemeteries, and their schools, made him invaluable not only to his employer but to those persons involved as well. Much litigation was avoided by his reputation established through the prior years for fair dealing. Mr. Hughes died as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident while on a business trip for Union Electric on February 26, 1931, just shortly before the final completion of the Lake of the Ozarks. It was, and is, a project to which he contributed much in his own way.

Throughout his life James H. Hughes had but one guiding light, his devotion to his wife and their children. Wealth or fame or prestige were of little consequence to him and to be disregarded if contrary to his goal of happiness and security for them. His lasting monument is the love and respect accorded him by his family, his friends and his neighbors. *Melva Berry*

## JIM FRANK HUGHES

Jim Frank Hughes was born to James Hamilton and Mary Alice Polston Hughes in Versailles, Missouri on October 4, 1918. He grew up in Versailles and attended the public schools there. He was in the 1936 high school graduating class.

Jim Frank Hughes and daughter

On August 8, 1942 he was united in marriage with Eleanor Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith of Fort Collins, Colorado. The young couple lived in Cheyene, Wyoming the first few years of their marriage, where he was stationed nearby at Fort Warren, in military service.

To the marriage three children were born, two sons and one daughter namely, Jim T. Hughes, Jerry M. Hughes, and Candice Annette Hughes Stephens.

Jim T. Hughes is a graduate of the University of Missouri, with a degree in chemical engineering. He is presently in business with his mother at the Versailles Greenhouse. He is married to the former Beverly Ayres, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Ayres of Versailles, Beverly Ayres Hughes also graduated from the University of Missouri. She is a teacher in the English Department of Morgan County RII at Versailles. They have two sons, Jeffrey and Jeremy.

Jerry M. Hughes is a graduate of Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, Missouri. He is an administrator in the Morgan County RII High School. Jerry is married to the former Carol Harper, daughter of Mrs. William Harper and the late Mr. Harper of Gravois Mills. Carol, too, is a graduate of Central Missouri State University, and is a speech therapist in the Morgan County RII School System. They have one son, Gregory.

Jim Frank Hughes

Candice Annette Hughes Stephens is a graduate of Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, Missouri. She is a teacher at Whiteman Air Force Base at Knobnoster. She is married to Dr. Ron Stephens, who holds his doctor's degree from the University of Missouri. He is a professor at Central Missouri State University. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stephens of Gravois Mills, Missouri. They have two daughters, Wendy Sue and Kristi Lynn.

Jim Frank Hughes was a veteran of World War II having served four and one half years in the Quartermaster Corp. He was a member of the Morgan County Post 104 of the American Legion. He served as president of the Morgan County RII Board of Education for seven years. In the spring of 1948 he and Mrs. Hughes purchased the Versailles Greenhouse from Mrs. Jessie Green. The business was carried on by him and Mrs. Hughes until his death. Mrs. Hughes and her son continue to operate the business. Mr. Hughes died while playing golf at the Rolling Hills Country Club, August 16, 1970.

## ANDREW HUFFMAN

Andrew Huffman, b. 1809-d. 1881, and his wife, Mary Ann Moore Huffman, b. 1816-d. 1878, moved from Virginia to Morgan County in 1841. Their children were Mary, Rebecca Jane, Eliza, Mary Virginia, Rhoda, Betty, Sudie, Jake, John, Thomas, Joe, Greene, James and Love.

Mary died as an infant and is buried at Mt. Nebo cemetery, west of Versailles.

Rebecca Jane married Abe Baker and settled near Osceola, Mo.

Eliza, b.1847-d. 1935, married James M. Moore Nov. 23, 1876. He died 1894. Their children were Mary "Mamie", 1878-1904, John Clarence, 1879-1880, Willie, 1881, Lillie, 1883, Mannie Virginia (Jennie), 1886-1913, and Beulah Kate, 1889-1917. The family burial plot is in Freedom Cemetery north of Versailles.

Mary Virginia (Jennie) 1859-1939, married James Ensminger in 1897. They had one daughter, Mabel Ann, 1898-1964. She married Joe Hilderbrand in 1931. Buried in Versailles Cemetery.

Rhoda Huffman, 1851-1922 married Sam V. Sterner. Later she married John Packer, after Mr. Sterner's death. The Sterner's had two children, Emanuel, who died as an infant, and Sudie who married a Mr. Rhodus. Buried in Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

Betty born around 1845, married John Chism. Their children were Jay, Love and Nellie. Jay and Love were never married. Nellie married a Mr. White and they had one son, Bert White, who married Mary Koetting. Bert died April 6, 1974.

Sudie, the youngest child, married Charley Busick. Their children were Gertie, Maudie and Claude.

Thomas Huffman, 1841-1906, married Mary J. Miller. Their children were Willis, who died as an infant in 1882, Dora, 1872-1948, Claude, 1878-1954, Ida, 1885-1967, Oliver, 1892-1967, and Ben, who died in 1950.

Joseph D. Huffman, 1848-1930, married Mahalia Jane Wilson Mar. 12, 1872. Their children were Louis, George, Cyrus, Maggie and Emma. The family burial plot is at Beulah church, east of Versailles.

Greene Huffman, 1854-1912, married Mattie Hinken Sept. 2, 1892. Their children were Manie, 1897-1978 and Bessie, 1900-1974.

James Huffman, 1853-1933, and Love Huffman, 1856-1935 were single. They are buried at Mt. Nebo.

Jake (A.J.) Huffman, 1840-1914, married Malissa Maple in 1865. They moved to Oklahoma in 1897. Their children were Willie, Charles, Walt, Tillie, Blanch and Warner (others names unknown).

John H. Huffman, born in Harding county, Va. 1837, died in 1925. He married Addie French in 1874. Their children were Rose, Mrs. George Stultz, Arthur, Frank, Willie, John, Chris, Gustie Kelly and Virgie Harris.

Two of the older boys served in the Civil War in the northern army at Syracuse, Mo.

## T.L. HUGHES

T.L. Hughes, the oldest of the children of James H. and Alice (Polston) Hughes, was born in 1900 at Windsor, Missouri, and married Grace E. Daniels, born 1901, at Versailles on December 23, 1922.

T.L. Hughes

Their children, Nancy Jean (1924) and Billy Daniels (1927) were born in Versailles, and Patricia Jane (1932) was born at Fulton, Missouri where the family moved in late 1931: Following Pat's birth, the family moved to Jacksonville, Illinois where all of the children attended Jacksonville High School.

Nancy was married in 1943 to Norbert J. Schindler, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They returned to Jacksonville after military service, and Mr. Schindler graduated from Illinois college. Their children are; John Daniel (1945) married Sharon Lawless of rural Jacksonville, two children, T.L. (1969) and Senta Ann (1973), reside in Emmett, Idaho where he is Ranger of the Boise National Forest. Richard William (1946), is on teaching staff, Commercial Art Department, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Mary Elizabeth (1948) married Ronald Combrink Stevenson. She is elementary physical education teacher, daughter is Carly Combrink, born June 1976. Nancy Joan (1957) married David Lee Mawson, of rural Jacksonville in 1977 and is a senior music major at MacMurray College. Patricia Ann (1960) is a freshman accounting major at Illinois College. Mr. Schindler is an insurance broker.

Billy Daniels Hughes attended Illinois College, graduating from the University of Omaha, and made a career of the military. He served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and died in 1973. His widow, Lois Frazier, of Sacramento, California resides in the Hughes family home in Jacksonville, and is on staff of Illinois College. There are twin daughters, Lisa Ann and Wendy Jane (1956), and a son, William Frazier (1957), a senior forestry major at Southern Illinois University.

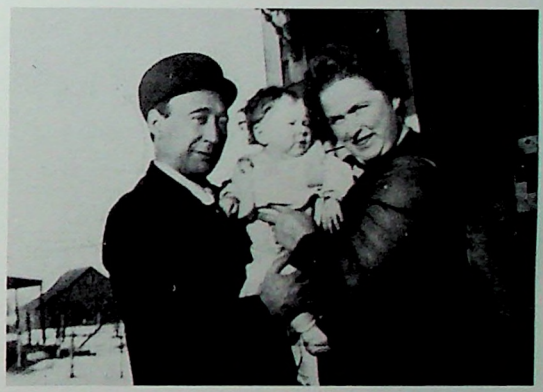
Patricia Jane married Ronald M. Becker, and they have recently sold their farming interests southeast of Jacksonville and they and their family will relocate in Salem, Missouri in January, 1979 in the automobile business. Their children are Steven Ronald (1954) married to Darryl Jean Ring, and expecting their first child in April; Susan Jane (1956) a graduate of Western Illinois University, to be married February 24, 1979 to Tom Fuehrbach of rural Preston, Iowa; Janet Patricia (1958), attending college, and Jeffrey John (1960) a senior in high school.

T.L. Hughes served as a volunteer with the Sea Bees in the Southwest Pacific during World War II, even though he was over the age for compulsory service. During his period of service in the Pacific he had the unique experience of encountering his brothers Bob and Jim Frank, who were also on active duty in that theater.

Mrs. Grace Hughes, retired from State of Illinois, resides in Jacksonville and is an avid bridge player. She has taught many, many persons in the Jacksonville area. Mr. Hughes died in 1963 and is buried at Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Jacksonville, as is his son, Lt. Col. Billy D. Hughes.

## MARTHA FRANCES (PADGETT) HULETT

Martha Frances Padgett came to Morgan County from Stokes County, N.C., in 1872, at age 14. She traveled with her family by covered wagon. Her ancestry dated back to 1750, with Thomas Padgett from England, and his wife, Nancy Pettigood; her great-grandparents.



Ed and Lena Hulett and daughter Helen

Thomas and Nancy Padgett had five children: William, one son, married and had four children. The oldest son of William Padgett, named William Henry Harrison Padgett, was born Dec. 6, 1821. He married Pamelia Pringle and they had 11 children: Pleasant H., born in 1843; William A., born in 1845; Franklin J., born in 1847; John H., born in 1848; James M., born in 1850, Sarah E., born in 1852; Rachel M., born in 1854; Thomas J., born in 1856; Martha F., born in 1858; George R.J., born in 1860; and Mary J., born in 1863. After moving to Morgan County, this family lived near the Oak Grove area. Pamelia Padgett died in 1887. William H. died in 1897. Both are buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

On Dec. 21, 1876, Martha Frances Padgett married John Beverly Hulett. To this union were born Warner Edgar and David Elbert. The family lived on Hulett Creek, on old Highway 5 near the road to Oak Grove school and church. John Hulett served on the school board for years, and boarded many of the teachers in his home. He also served as deacon of

the Oak Grove Baptist Church. John Hulett's family moved to Versailles in 1914.

David Elbert (Bert) Hulett married Ursie Z. Hatfield on May 13, 1906. They had one daughter, Grace, now living at Marysville, Calif. She married Nicholas Nazarko. Their children are George, Jeanne and Edward. Bert Hulett farmed for most of his life, and later owned a neighborhood grocery store in Versailles. Ursie Hulett died Aug. 3, 1940, and Bert died June 26, 1967.

Warner Edgar (Ed) Hulett, who owned and operated a grocery store in Versailles for a time, was bookkeeper for the W.S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Company at Versailles from 1905 to 1929. He previously attended Sedalia Business College for one year and was an instructor there for two years. In 1910, he married Lena Elizabeth Marriott, daughter of C.C. and Nancy Hughes Marriott. They had one daughter, Helen Leona, born July 10, 1918. Lena was pianist at the First Baptist Church of Versailles. She died at the age of 44. Ed Hulett was a member of the Versailles School Board for 12 years, and a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Versailles. He was bookkeeper for the Kidwell Funeral Home until his death in January 1938.

Helen Leona Hulett was graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing at Kansas City in 1940, and worked as a visiting public health nurse in Kansas City for three years. She married Roy Eugene Bolton on Dec. 26, 1941. He was the adopted son of John and Rosalie Padgett Bolton.

During World War II, Roy and Helen lived in New Jersey, Georgia and Oklahoma, while he served in the Fourth Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. Roy participated in the European Theater campaigns at Normandy, Race to the Rhine, Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Silver Star. He returned to the U.S. in October, 1945.

The first son of Roy and Helen Bolton, Richard Eugene, was born Sept. 14, 1944, and was 13 months old when his father first saw him. Other children were: Cynthia Ann, Brenda Lee, Jane Elizabeth — all born in Kansas City.

The Bolton family moved to Versailles in 1951. Roy was employed at Kidwell Funeral Home. Four more children were born there: Jacquelyn Sue, John Hulett, David Martin and Robert Stephen. Helen Bolton worked as staff nurse at Gunn Clinic for eight years, and in 1960, became Morgan County's Public Health Nurse, a position she holds today. Roy is employed at Sloan Enterprises, a burial vault company at Versailles.

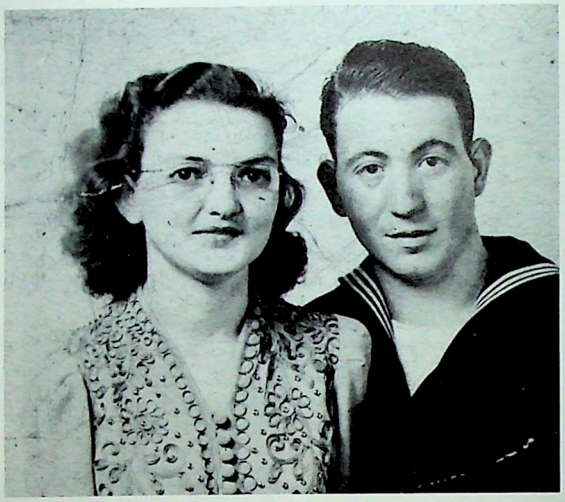
Richard Eugene served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps; 13 months in Viet Nam. He married Joyce Ann Carver, of Gravois Mills, on Aug. 25, 1968. They have one daughter, Stacey Ann, born July 18, 1970. Cynthia Ann married Joel C. Vestweber of Kansas City on Feb. 22, 1970. She attended Southwest Missouri State University at Springfield, and is employed at Sears in Kansas City.

Brenda Lee Bolton married Steven D. Vogt on Dec. 22, 1967. She has one daughter, Melissa Lee Vogt, born Feb. 13, 1974. Brenda has been employed at American Bank of Morgan County for eight years. Jane Bolton attended Central Missouri College of Cosmotology from 1968 to 1969. She is a hair stylist at Versailles. Jacquelyn (Jackie) graduated from high school in Versailles and attended Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. She teaches social studies at Morgan County R-II in Versailles. John graduated from high school in 1972. He worked five years at Sloan Enterprises and currently is employed at Lafayette's Industries at Gravois Mills.

David Bolton graduated from high school in 1975 and attended Central Missouri State University of Warrensburg. He currently is attending Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar. Robert will graduate from high school in 1979. *By Helen Bolton*

## JESSE HULL

Jesse J. Hull, Jr. was born in 1919 at Paola, Kansas, son of Jesse J. Hull, Sr. and Eunice Alpha Hiner Hull. He married Hilma Lee Lampton, daughter of Arthur and Gertrude Hanby Lampton on 28 March 1943 and became a resident of Morgan County after spending three years in the Navy during World War II.



Jesse and Hilma Hull - Wedding picture, 1943

Jesse and Hilma live on the Lampton farm north of Versailles on Route D which they purchased from the Gertrude Lampton estate in March 1966. This farm was purchased by Arthur Lampton from the John Devinna estate. The title dates back to original land grants issued to Henry Chaney 1849, signed by President Zachary Taylor; John Devinna 1856, signed by President Franklin Pierce; John Devinna 1852, signed by President Willard Fillmore; and Henry Green 1840, signed by President Martin Van Buren all coming from Indian Territory, Western District. It contains the once well-known Devinna Springs where the headless ghost was to have appeared at midnight following the Civil War.

Jesse, a twenty-four year employee of Archia's Seed Store in Sedalia, Mo. and Hilma, a former teacher having taught in Morgan County at Rocky Point, Self Chapel and Florence schools have seven children: James D. (1946) married Cindy Lynn of Fort Worth, Texas. They now reside in Arlington, Texas and have three children, Michael (8), Christina (4) and Barrett (3); Jerry L (1953) married Sharon Bashore of Eldon. They live near Eldon and have three children, Melissa (4); Bryon (1½), and Daniel (6 months); Jackie A. (1955) married Gary Imler of Barnett. They live in Jefferson City and have a daughter, Holly (1); Joe W. (1959), John A. (1961), Jan M. (1964) and J. Jean (1967) all at present live with their parents in Morgan County.

## CLYDE HUNTER

Clyde Hunter was born in 1886 near Versailles the son of W.K. and Lily May Price Hunter. He had four brothers and sisters: Shores, Kenneth, Eunice (Witten), and Lillie Mae (Heineman). Their grandparents, Shores Price and Henryetta Hunter had migrated from Cumberland county, Kentucky in the 1830's and settled in Morgan county. They had 12 children and many descendants from all over the United States gather each year for a reunion in Versailles. Clyde was eight years old when Lily Mae died. Two years later W.K. married

William Clyde Hunter
Nina Ruth (James) Hunter

Jane Sharpless and had Valeria, Don K., Floyd, and Mildred. Clyde married Nina Ruth James, daughter of John James of High Point, in 1910 and to them were born four children: Juanita, Maxine, Bill, and Bob.

Juanita married Donald Lietzke and had four sons: Jack, Ferd, Joe Douglas, and Stephen Lynn. Don worked for MKT railroad and retired in 1975. Jack married Rowena Rapp of Stover, lives in Kansas City and is with TWA airlines. They have three sons: Donald, Billy, and Jackie. Donnie married and has a daughter, Bridgett born in 1972. Bill and Jackie are serving in the Armed Forces.

Ferd married Kay Blacksten of Excelsior and has two sons: Ferd Jr., and Robin Lee.

Maxine Hunter married Rev. Gail Howard and they pastor the Assembly of God church in Overland Park, Kansas. Their children are: David, Ruth, and Deborah. David married Barbara Collins and has one daughter Amber. He is a Chaplain serving with the 275 Ranger Battalion of the U.S. Army in Ft. Lewis, Washington. Ruth married Sam Kaunley who is with the Missouri Highway patrol stationed at Branson. Debbie is a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. She is married to Cecil Highfill of K.C. and has a son Justin. Bill Hunter was agent-salesman for Amoco Oil Company in Versailles for 30 years, and in Tipton and Eldon ten years. He married Pauline Campbell and has children: Robert, Patty, and Michael. Robert married Lynnette Stone from Longview, Washington, an RN at Memorial Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo. Patty married Bob Morris from Wellsville and has a son, Shannon born in 1977. Michael is in Kindergarten in Versailles school.

Bob Hunter married Juanita Martin of Tuscumbia and was a railroad man and owner of Handi-Can Disposal Service in Kansas City. He is now retired. They have two children: Linda, who with her husband, Larry Couch, and two sons, Jeff and Matt, are going into missionary work in Spain; and Judy who married Terry Smith, has a son Wesley, and lives near Kansas City.

Clyde and Nina lived on the farm near Versailles until 1930 when they journeyed to California and returned to Missouri two years later to the farm. He became a practicing Veterinarian doctoring all kinds of livestock over the county. In the early 1960's they moved to Kansas City after a severe illness of the lungs forced Clyde to retire. Clyde came back to the farm in 1972 after Nina's death and lived with Bill until his death in July, 1972.

## DONNAN KLEBER HUNTER

Donnan Kleber Hunter (better known as Don) was born Apr. 6, 1901. The son of William Kleber and Jennie Sharples Hunter.

He married Molly Opal Roe Feb. 1, 1925. She was born Oct. 20, 1904.

Donnan K. Hunter and Opal Roe Hunter — Wedding Picture

Their children: James Donnan born Aug. 21, 1926, married Shirley Dresser June 19, 1948. She was from St. Paul, Minnesota. Their children are James Christopher and Kaya Ann — William Ross born Oct. 10, 1931, married Gloria Koetting June 15, 1951. Their children Laura Gae, Julia Ann, and Jane Ashley. Donnan Anthony died when three years old and Susan was still born. William and Gloria divorced and he married his present wife, Elsa Wilson — Larry Lee born March 5, 1938, married Marcella Avery Feb. 1, 1959. Their children are Cynthia Lynn and Stewart Roe.

Donnan K. and Opal Roe Hunters 50th. Wedding Anniversary
*Back row:* Chris, Shirley, James D., Julia, William R., Laura, Larry, Marcella; *Seated:* Opal and Donnan K., Kaya, Jane, Cindy.

James is part owner and active in the operation of Hunter-Dornan Motor Co., Chevrolet Dealer in Versailles. William R. has been connected with the Bank of Versailles for several years and is the third generation serving as its President.

Larry is an electronic engineer, living in Melbourne Beach, Florida. He has a very responsible position with Harris, Inc..

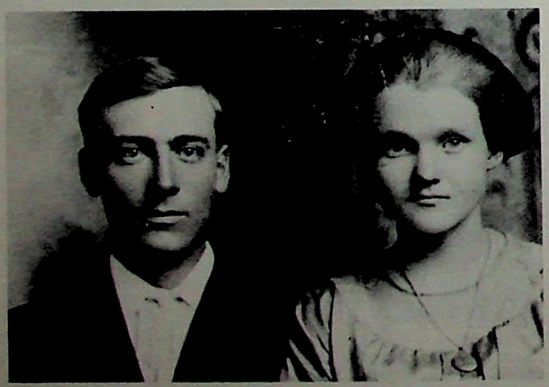
Don was born on a farm six miles Northeast of Versailles. He went to Sunnyside School for one and one half years. He then went to grade school and high school in Versailles. He attended business college in Kansas City. He worked in the Bank of Versailles, 1917 to June 1924. He worked one year in Pioneer Trust Company, Kansas City in 1925. Late in 1925 he returned to Versailles where he was a pioneer in the sale and servicing of radios. He started the Chevrolet Agency in Versailles in March 1926. He sold half interest in the Chevrolet Agency to P.J. McDonough in June 1926 and went back into the Bank of Versailles. He was elected Vice-President in 1935, and in 1937, upon the death of his father, he was elected President. He retired in 1970.

Since retiring, Don and Opal spend part of their winters in Florida and part of their summers at their lake cottage. They built their ranch type house two miles West of Versailles in 1956 on 370 acres of land they had owned and operated as a grain and livestock farm since 1935. They raised registered Hereford Cattle and registered Tennessee Walking Horses, some of which they showed over several states.

Some of Don's community service has been Trustee of Industrial Trust when Primo Pants Factory was brought to Versailles, and when the factory building was built for this company. Member of the committee which brought the Kansas Bifocal to Versailles. He was chairman of Selective Service Board during World War II. He served several years as City Treasurer. He also served several years on the School Board, during which the Morgan County R II School building was built. He was Chairman of Good Shepherd Nursing Home Board during its organization, and during the building of the 120 bed home: also the Kidwell Boarding Home. He now is serving as Chairman of the Good Shepherd Housing Authority, building sixteen units of housing for Senior Citizens.
*James D. Hunter*

## KENNETH PRICE HUNTER

Kenneth Price Hunter, son of W.K. Hunter and Lily Price Hunter, was married to Grace Imo Silvey on Nov. 24, 1910. Grace was a daughter of Cal and Della James Silvey. Kenneth P and Grace Hunter had eight children, six daughters and two sons. The first born was Lily Mae, born Jan. 9, 1912. Lily married Leonard R Robinson. They were parents of two children, a daughter Janell and a son John. Leonard R Robinson died in 1965. Lily Mae passed away on Aug. 5, 1976.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price Hunter

Wilma Silvia Hunter, born on Sept. 13, 1913, married Byron Cook, and they had one daughter Sharron Cook. Bryon died and later Wilma married Ted Cox of Kansas City, Mo. Jessie Cleo Hunter, born Feb. 24, 1915. She met and married Joe Swan and has lived in California. They didn't have any children.

Kenneth Price Hunter, first son, born on July 3, 1916. He married Mary Hill. They have no children.

Naomie Lee Hunter, next in line was born on Jan. 31, 1918. Married to Paul Harter. They have two children: a son named David and a daughter Paula.

Alma Louise Hunter, born on Dec. 18, 1919, married David Nelson White on Aug. 1, 1940. They have two children and six grandchildren. Their son Paul Eugene White was born on April 28, 1943 — Paul married Susan Humphrey, to this union was born three girls and one boy. The names of their family are Ginger Ann White, Cindy Michele, Cristy Gay, and David Michael. They live in Versailles. David and Louise's daughter, Connie Mae White, married Dan R Goetze of Stover, Mo. They live near Stover. They have a Furniture and Carpet business in Stover. They have two children, Melissa Jane Goetze and Micheal Dan Goetze.

Darrell Eugene Hunter, born May 15, 1921, married Stella Ryan of Kansas City, Mo. They had eight children: Mary Lou, Susie, Darrell Jr., Micheal, Kathy, Marion, Keven and Patricia. They have lived in Kansas City.

The last child born to Kenneth and Grace Hunter was Erma Dell Hunter. She went to Kansas City to work after she got out of high school here, that is where she met her husband, Kenneth Jensen. They had three sons: Kenny C, Danny and Roger. Erma Dell had to have open heart surgery twice. She died at the age of 45.

Kenneth and Grace Hunter lived on a farm eight miles east of Versailles, until their home burned and they moved West of Versailles about a mile out, where they raised their family. Most all went to Salmon School, and all went to Versailles High School. Kenneth was a farmer and stockman besides having a dairy, and delivered milk in town both morning and night. Part of the farm is now the Roy Otten Memorial Airport. Kenneth and Grace moved to town after Kenneth's health forced him to sell the farm. Their lives were spent in Morgan County. Grace Hunter died on Jan. 2, 1976. *by Louise White*

## OSCAR CECIL HUNTER

Oscar Cecil Hunter, familiarly known as Cecil, was born on August 4, 1888 to Dora A. and Thomas M. Hunter on the Hunter farm six miles northeast of Versailles. He attended elementary school at Prairie Valley. His sister, Lettie, was his teacher two of those years. Later, he attended school at what is now known as Warrensburg State University where he played left tackle on the "Mules" football team. In 1910, his team finished the entire season without being scored upon.

Cecil Hunter

After returning home, he assisted his father in operating their stock farm until he was called into the army in World War I. He was honorably discharged as Sgt. First class in the Quartermaster Corps. After his discharge, he returned to Versailles where he owned and operated a confectionary store for several years.

Oscar Cecil Hunter Family

On November 18, 1923, he married Iva Imbusch of Cole Camp. With the exception of two years spent in Kansas City, where Cecil was associated with the Piggly Wiggly Stores, they spent their entire married life in Cole Camp. Cecil operated the Cole Camp Confectionary for a few years; and, then for 15 years he was part owner and operator of the Cole Camp Wholesale Packaged Nut Company.

Three children were born to Cecil and Iva. They were Herbert Cecil, who married Dorthy Garret of Sedalia and now lives in Brentwood, Missouri. Harold Dean who lives in Kansas City, and June Louise who married Kenneth Bowen of Oklahoma and now lives in Overland Park, Kan. They have five grandchildren. Karen Lynn and Casey Hunter. Rhonda Sue, Carol Ann, and Kenneth Dean Bowen.

Cecil retired in 1960 due to ill health. After an extended illness, he died on Feb. 27, 1969. Burial was in Cole Camp Cemetery March 1, 1969. *By Mrs. Cecil Hunter*

## SHORES P. HUNTER

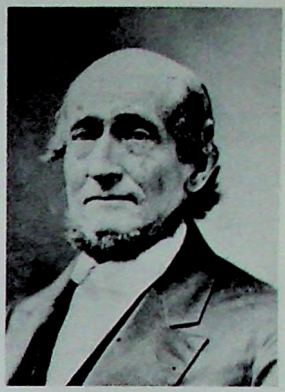
Shores Price Hunter was born in Cumberlin, Va., Jan. 28, 1807.

John Hunter, his father — Sarah Price, his mother. (She was the daughter of Joseph Shores Price.) They were married in Franklin County, Va., Aug. 7, 1786.

John's fathers name was William. His mothers name was Charity Loftus. His father John died Sept. 27, 1821 when he was 14 years old. William's father was Andrew, his mother Jane. Andrew and Jane lived in Lanish and Hanover County, Va.. There were eight boys and four girls in Johns' family including Shores Price.

Shores Price migrated to Burkesville, Ky. after his father died. Joe Alexander served as his guardian and he was apprenticed to W.R. Barrett, under whom he learned the saddle-making trade.

In 1828, when he was twenty-one years old, he went to Tompkinsville, Ky. where he went into the saddle and harness business. He was also selling, renting and looking after property in Tompkinsville. He married Mary Chism, daughter of Michael and Mary Chism, Nov. 22, 1830. Their children-John C. born Apr. 20, 1834-Helen born Nov. 20, 1836 (died Dec. 14, 1836) - Sarah Ann was born Jan. 28, 1838.



Shores P. Hunter

Michael Chism died Dec. 1835. Shores P. and his brother-in-law, Jacob Chism were executors of his estate. His estate was large in landholdings and personal property including thirteen slaves.

Shores Hunter Home

Shores Price bought his first land in Missouri from Jacob and Priscila Chism, Apr. 21, 1838. He planned to move to Missouri, but his wife, Mary, died Nov. 4, 1838.

He came to Missouri with John P. Martin family in 1839. He brought with him his two small children, John and Sarah.

In 1840 he spent several months in Kentucky collecting notes of Michael Chism estate; also accounts owed him from his saddle business.

During this time he courted Henrietta A. Mosby for on Sept. 27, 1841 in Glasgow, Ky., they were married. She was the daughter of Thomas and Judith Mosby. Their children: Judith V. (Dale) born March 20, 1844, Thomas M. born Apr. 14, 1846, Laura Victoria (Williams) born Nov. 8, 1848, Alice Gray (Jones) born May 13, 1851, Maria Louise (Gwynn) born June 18, 1854, Henrietta M. born Aug. 5, 1857, Shores Price, Jr. born Apr. 12, 1860, William Kleber born Apr. 13, 1862.

Henrietta A., his wife, died May 3, 1868. Shores P. married his third wife, Susan Moreland Gunn, a widow, in 1874.

Shores P. died May 7, 1882. Susan died June, 1917.

He built a southern style house five miles East of Versailles on now Highway 52 in 1850.

He gave six farms to a total of over 2,000 acres to his children, keeping the home farm for his widow. Two single girls he gave money. He had many slaves who were freed by the Civil War.

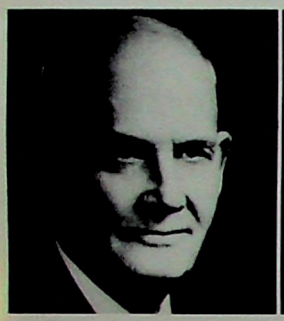
Most of his children spent their lives in Morgan County. Most of them died on the farms he gave them, except William

Kleber, who moved to Versailles where he was a business man, and died as President of the Bank of Versailles in 1937.

Maria Louise married Joe Gwynn. He published a newspaper in Versailles until his plant burned. He then went to New York where he was Vice-President of American Tabacco Company. When he died he left a trust fund of $125,000 to build a Home Economic Building at the University of Missouri in memory of his wife, Maria Louise and $5,000 to paint a portrait of her to hang in this building. Gwynn Hall now stands on the Missouri campus with this portrait hanging on its walls. *By D.K. Hunter*

## HORACE VIVIAN HUNTER

Horace Vivian Hunter was born July 30, 1885 and died April 18, 1976. He was the son of Thomas Mosby and Dora Amanda Rogers Hunter, who were married March 3, 1874 in Warren County, Ky.



Horace V. Hunter

Ethel (Miller) Hunter

Horace had six brothers and sisters, Charles Dickens Hunter, born Jan. 10, 1875; Letitia Arlington Hunter, born Nov. 20, 1876; Frank Rogers Hunter, born April 10, 1879; Dora June Hunter, born June 1, 1881 and died as an infant; Thomas Mosby Hunter, Jr., born Mar. 23, 1883; Oscar Cecil Hunter, born Aug. 4, 1888; Raymond Searls Hunter, born July 25, 1891 and Earl Otis Hunter, born Nov. 17, 1893.

Horace was married to Ethel Zona Miller, daughter of Charley and Mary Ann Weesen Miller, Feb. 22, 1911. They had three children, Maurine Vivian, Mary Lee and Miller Thomas. Maurine married Willard Kelly July 3, 1930 (he died June 12, 1971). They had three sons, Willard, Jr., Leon Vivian and Donald Dean. Willard, Jr. married Nancy Trotter. Their children are R'dell Rae, Jan'l Kae, Fredrick Thomas, Gregory Miller and John Michael.

R'dell married Terry Gray. Their children are Joey, Jami and Jill. Jan'l married Richard Whistance and their children are Wendi and Rickie. The children of R'dell and Jan'l made Horace Hunter a great-great grandfather and gave him five generations. Donald Dean Kelly has a son, Kurt, by a first marriage and a daughter, Heather Rance, by his present wife, Joan.

Mary Lee Hunter married John Reardon, who died July 30, 1971. They had no children. Mary Lee lives at Versailles.

Miller Hunter born Dec. 25, 1915, married Helen Wilton of Arkansas, they have no children. Miller was county agent in Hawaii for many years until his retirement in 1972. He is now following in his father's footsteps as an auctioneer in Hawaii, where they have lived for many years. He attended the Versailles schools and received a master's degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri.

Horace Hunter was a farmer as a young man for many years and lived four miles northeast of Versailles. He raised beef cattle, hogs, wheat, corn and other grain crops. He became an auctioneer and moved to Versailles in 1930. He was assessor of Morgan County for three terms and served two terms on the county court. He was well known for his jovial, friendly personality.

He and Ethel were members of the Versailles United Methodist Church. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Feb. 22, 1976.

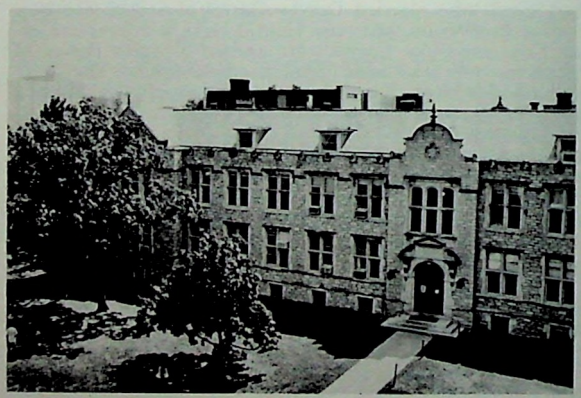
Horace spent the last four years of his life in the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles due to ill health. His daughter, Mary Lee, is now a patient there. Mrs. Hunter lives at her home in Versailles.

## SHORES PRICE HUNTER

Shores Price Hunter came from Virginia to Kentucky and to Missouri in early life. He settled three and one-half miles east of Versailles, Mo. He was a trader and planter, bought, raised and sold livestock. He progressed financially and became the owner of 3500 acres of land, a part of which was tilled by his Negro slaves.

Marie Louise Hunter Gwynn
Picture hangs in Parlor of
Gwyn Hall

In about 1850 he built a colonial mansion for a home, building it so well that it stood for many, many years, until it was torn down to make room for a modern home after the land had sold.



Gwynn Home Economics Bldg. — University of Mo. at Columbia

Here he and his second wife, Henrietta Mosby Hunter, from Kentucky raised a family of ten children, all but two of whom were of his second marriage. They were raised in the Old South traditions by Scotch-Irish descendants.

On June 18, 1854 the fourth daughter was born to Shores Price and Henrietta. She was named Maria Louisa Hunter. She attended the "district" school built of logs, located one mile south of the Hunter homestead. After finishing the public school she attended a private school for girls in Versailles.

On Aug. 31, 1885, Marie Louise Hunter (having so changed her name some years before) was married to Joseph K.

Gwynn, a school teacher, editor, orator, business executive. Joseph K. Gwynn was born Jan. 19, 1854 in Kentucky and was reared in that state. He taught school in the Male and Female Institute in Versailles, which he founded, and, during that period of 1884-1887 he edited the county newspaper, Morgan County Messenger.

Leaving Versailles a few years after they were married, the Gwynn's resided mainly in St. Louis, Chicago and New York, for the remainder of their lives. Their moves to St. Louis and Chicago were due to the appointment of Mr. Gwynn as an executive commissioner for Missouri to the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.

He later accepted the position as business executive with Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. Another promotion took the Gwynn's to New York City, where they remained until his death, Oct. 9, 1921. There were no children born to them.

Marie Louise Gwynn was sincerely devoted to her relatives and friends with whom she frequently visited. She never lost the "common touch". She was a Baptist and was a member of Freedom Baptist Church near Glensted in Morgan County.

Being a great lover of animals, especially the horses, her husband presented her while they lived in Chicago. A saddle horse named "King" was a source of much pleasure to her and she rode side-saddle on him around Chicago and in Central Park in New York City.

The last will of Joseph K. Gwynn provided for the donation to the University of Missouri of the Gwynn Building now known as the Home Economics Building. He also arranged for the beautiful portrait of Marie Louise Gwynn that hangs in the Gwynn Building.

To her many nieces and nephews, Marie Louise Hunter Gwynn, will always be known as "Aunt Lou."

## WILLIAM KLEBER HUNTER

William Kleber was the youngest child of Shores Price and Henrietta Mosby Hunter. He was born on their farm four miles East of Versailles, Morgan County, Mo., Apr. 13, 1862. His mother died when he was six years old. He was raised by his father and older sisters.

W.K. Hunter Family

*Back row:* Eunice Witten, Melva, Sammy, Shores, Opal, Donnan, Mildred, Lillie and August Heineman, Kleber, Grace, Kenneth; *2nd. row:* Naomi, K.P., Louise, John D. Witten, Shores P., Juanita, Martha Heineman, Jessie, Wilma, Lillie May; *1st. Row:* Erma, Dorothy and Betty Heineman, James, Kleber, Maxine, Darrell; *Seated:* Jimmy, William Kleber.

After he finished the local school he went to Clarksburg Institute, a school of higher learning. He married Lillie May Price in 1883.

Their children: Robert Shores born July 3, 1884. He died Jan. 21, 1936. William Clyde born July 25, 1886, died July 31, 1972. Kenneth Price born Dec. 13, 1888, died Apr. 4, 1961. Alberta Eunice born Dec. 19, 1890, died Aug. 20, 1954. Lillie May born Oct. 13, 1893.

Lillie May, his wife, died Jan. 11, 1894. He married Eliza Jane Sharples (better known as Jennie) Feb. 19, 1896. She had gone to school at Warrensburg and taught school several years.

Their children: Doris Valera born Nov. 4, 1899 died March 24, 1900-Donnan Kleber born Apr. 6, 1901. Floyd Sharples born Sept. 17, 1904, died Oct. 28, 1971- Mildred Lee born Oct.

William Kleber Hunter and Jennie Sharples Hunter Wedding picture

20, 1907, died Aug. 16, 1972-Lillie May and Donnan survived. Shores married Melva Kauffman, their children Robert, Kleber Kauffman, Shores Price, Preston and Samuel.

Clyde married Nina James. Their children were Juanita, Maxine, William and Robert.

Kenneth married Grace Silvey. Their children were Lillie, Wilma, Jesse, K.P., Norma, Louise, Darrell, and Erma Delle.

Eunice married John S. Witten their only child, John David.

Lillie married August Heineman. Their children: Martha May, Dorothy, Betty Sue and August better known as Bud.

Donnan married Opal Roe. Their children are James, William, Larry.

Floyd married Tamar Burris and have an adopted son Dan. Mildred married Paul Sheley, they had no children.

All his children were born on his farm six miles Northeast of Versailles.

He raised crops, fed cattle and hogs, bought and sold mules. He also did veterinarian work for the farmers. Sunnyside School, the store and Post Office (known as Enid) were built on his farm. He was elected Vice-President of The Bank of Versailles about 1900. In Jan. 1909, he turned his farm over to his older boys and moved his family to Versailles. Here he engaged in buying and shipping livestock to market. About 1915 he opened a feed store, dealing in grain, coal, potatoes, etc.. In 1918 he built and operated the Morgan County Elevator. Early in 1924 he was elected President of The Bank of Versailles. He served in this capacity until his death in 1937. In 1934 he gave all his children farms to a total of 1,100 acres, keeping 150 acres. He was affectionately known as Kleb or W.K.. In his obituary it was said he had a legion of friends. His financial assistance and wise council were sought by many before and during his banking career. Because he never did anything for show, his many kindnesses which he performed during his long life will never be known, except to those who benefited. *D.K. Hunter*

## FRANK J. HURLEY

Frank J. Hurley came to Morgan County in 1965 with 4 children, Frank Ross, Rebecca Lee, Robin Lynn and Rochelle Lynee. They were from Northwestern Iowa. In 1966, he was married to Jane E. Martin of Eldoh, Mo. Katherine Jane was born in 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hutchison with their children and spouses.

Mr. Hurley bought Jacob's Cave, the only commercial cave in Morgan County and the Hurley's continue to own and manage that business. After attending Versailles schools the older children are young adults, who are still official residents of the area. This family are recent settlers of this area, Mrs. Hurley's ancestors are Miller County Missourians and Mr. Hurley's great-grandfather went to Iowa from Greene County, Mo. after his forefathers had founded Hurley, Missouri.

## EDGAR E. HUTCHISON

Edgar E. "Cap" Hutchison born July 4, 1894 and Mary Josephine "Josie" Newkirk born Dec. 27, 1892 were married Aug. 25, 1910 in California, Missouri. After 25 years in Moniteau County, they moved to Morgan County. Cap owned and operated a general store in Excelsior and farmed until he moved to Versailles in 1944, where he bought and operated the Versailles Auction Company sales barn. It was located where the Primo Pants Factory is presently located. Due to environmental problems, he built a new sales barn at the present location where he operated it until 1964. Cap was a recognized authority on the price and weight of livestock. He was known for his honesty and integrity in dealing with people. Cap was of Scotch-Irish descent and Josie was of Holland Dutch descent. Both were members of the Baptist Church. Josie, a strong, earnest Christian, taught her beliefs to her children. She was hard-working and totally devoted to her family. Josie died Aug. 25, 1973 on the date of their 63rd wedding anniversary and Cap died March 29, 1976. They were the parents of 12 Children, Johnny and Donald having died as infants. They had 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren at the time of their deaths. Their children are:

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hutchison with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren

RICHARD, who was Presiding Judge of the Eastern District Morgan County and farmer, married Mildred Riechel. They both died in 1976. Their children are Jack, married to Kathryn Scott, whose children are Dick, Judy and Lana; and Gary, married to Debbie Imler, whose children are Joy and Tina.

LEO, auctioneer and farmer, married Erma McBroom. Their children are Dixie, married to Duane Weaver, whose children are Mitchell, Michelle and Melody; and Kay, married to Joe Williams, whose daughters are Stacy and Tracy.

ELVIN, parts manager for Wenger's John Deere Company and farmer, married Ila Wenger who died 1971. He later married Winnie Klien and her children are Jim and Nancy.

W.D., retired Greyhound driver, married Mabel Caron. Their children were Donald, who died 1969 and Johnny, who died at infancy. He was divorced and later married Rose Liston. Her children are Peggy and Butch,

VELMA, secretary for a garment industry, married Ted C. Jones, machine maintenance man at Allis Chalmers. Their children are Teddy, married to Barbara Mitchel, whose children are Laura, Krista and Mark; Eddie, married to Carolyn Derossett, whose child is Michelle; and Jacque.

DAVID, service manager for Missouri Utilities, married Jenny Howard, teacher. Their children are Davie, divorced, whose children are Noel and Doug; Marsha, married to William Turley, having one son, T.J.; and Ila Jean.

BETTY, factory worker, married Aubrey Huffman, barber and farmer. Their children are Jimmy, married to Carolyn Scott, whose children are Christie and Jason; and Bobby who died 1969.

ALTA, secretary for Federal U.S.D.A., married John Chipley, Director Cooper County Family Services. Their children are Jill, married to Dr. James Quigly; and Mary Lois.

JAMES, employee of State of Missouri, Division of Family Services, auctioneer and farmer, married Adelia "Dee Dee" Cairns, teacher. Their children are Brad, married to Lorna Alpers, whose son is Brandon; DeeAnn, married to Bob Laurie, whose daughter is Leslie; Jamie; and Dana.

DONNA, Secretary of Markers Insurance Company, married Uel Chasteen, Jr., Presiding Judge of Morgan County and farmer. Their children are Barbara and Bert.

## JOHINNE W. HUTCHISON

Johinne W. Hutchison was born September 8, 1861 in Moniteau County, Missouri. He died August 5, 1937 and was buried at Green Grove Cemetery between Fortuna and Latham Missouri. He was the son of David Douglas Hutchison and Sarah A. Coyle (or Coile). Johnnie married Elizabeth Alice Medlin (Betty) of the Latham Community. She was the daughter of Will Hall Medlin and Elizabeth Howard. To this union were born 6 children:

Johnnie and Betty Hutchison

WILLIAM DAVID HUTCHISON "Willie" born March 17, 1884 at fathers home in Excelsior, Mo. died January 14, 1934 buried Green Grove Cem. married March 24, 1904 to Sarah E. Hudson (Leader Statesman).

ROY S. HUTCHISON born Jan. 6, 1886 at Moniteau County, died July 13, 1887 buried Flag Spring Cem. .

SALLY M. HUTCHISON born February 25, 1888 at Moniteau County died Sept. 2, 1889 buried Flag Spring Cem.

MARY ELIZABETH HUTCHISON "Bessie" born August 30, 1889 at Moniteau County died Oct 30, 1976 buried Green Grove Cem. married March 15, 1906 to L.E. Foxworthy.

EDGAR ELBERT HUTCHISON "Cap" born July 4, 1894 at Moniteau County Mo. died March 29, 1976 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home Versailles, Mo. buried Newkirk Cem. married August 25, 1910 to Mary Josephine Newkirk Hamilton.

CHARLES WALTER HUTCHISON born August 17, 1899 at Moniteau County died November 1, 1975 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Versailles Mo. Single buried Green Grove Cem.

Johnnie was a stockman and farmer in Morgan and Moniteau Counties. He owned many different parels of land. One of which he and his wife Betty donated for the Baptist Church in Fortuna, Mo. Proof of this was found by his grandchildren in many of his old papers. This document was returned to the church in 1977. He also owned land in Johnson County, Hale County and the states of Nebraska and Kansas. The land in Nebraska was acquired by trading livestock for the land that he had never seen. This was one of his traits, buying a pig in a poke. He traded in livestock with his friends and neighbors, buying fat stock and shipping them to the big terminals in St. Louis and Kansas City. He bought Mules for the Army in World War #1. Johnnie built the family home on the Morgan and Moniteau County line. He could sleep in Moniteau Co. and have breakfast in Morgan. Johnnie was the president of the Bank of Fortuna for a number of years and he was also the owner of several businesses in Fortuna, Missouri.

## PRESTON HUTCHISON

Preston Hutchison Family
Omega, son - Larry, Preston
granddaughters, Angela, Cheryl

Preston Hutchison, son of Gilbert and Sarah (Pettigrew) Hutchison, was born April 29, 1912 one-half mile southeast of Fortuna in Morgan County on the old Bechtel place. At age six, his parents moved east of Fortuna on the Straight Forks of the Moreau, where he grew to manhood, attending school at Fortuna.

The Hutchison's were early pioneers of Missouri, as Thomas and Lydia (Marsh) Hutchison came from Ohio around 1849 with their five children: Lucy, Harvey, Cynthia, David, Daniel. Preston's great grandfather, David, born in Ohio 1833, was nine when they came. He grew to manhood near Latham and married Sarah Coile 8 March 1855. Children were: Mary married Frank Burger; Benjamin married Susan James; Johnnie married Elizabeth Medlin; Amanda married R.T. Jones; George married (1) Louisa James (2) Martha James; Rosalee died age six.

Benjamin or "Bud" as he was known, born 1858, raised near Latham. He was a farmer and mule buyer. Married Susan James September 7, 1882, daughter of Malhon and Jane (Campbell) James. Children were: Ellen married Frank Chase; Rose married John Henry; Gilbert married Sarah Pettigrew; Frank married Neva Scott.

Gilbert born 1888 married Sarah Pettigrew, daughter of Martha Frutchey and George Pettigrew. George's parents, George, Sr. and Nancy (Hall) Pettigrew, sailed for America from Ireland about 1848. Gilbert's mother died when he was twelve years old. He grew up near Green Grove Church. He was a farmer, owning farms in Moniteau and Morgan Counties. Children of Gilbert and Sarah: Hobert born 1910, married Elizabeth Lingle 1931, children: Sarah, Don, Nellie, Linda; Preston born 1912, married Omega Charles 1933, son Larry; Wilma born 1913, married Russell Gates 1940, son Keith; Thomas born 1915, married Mildred Petree 1934, children: Shirley, Peggy, Sally; Marion born 1923, married Glenn Drake 1942, daughter Connie.

Preston was married to Omega Charles 4th July 1933. She was the daughter of Alpha Newkirk and Sam Charles. In 1935 Preston and Omega moved to Versailles, where he worked as truck driver for M.F.A. To them were born two sons, Richard

The Bud Hutchison Family

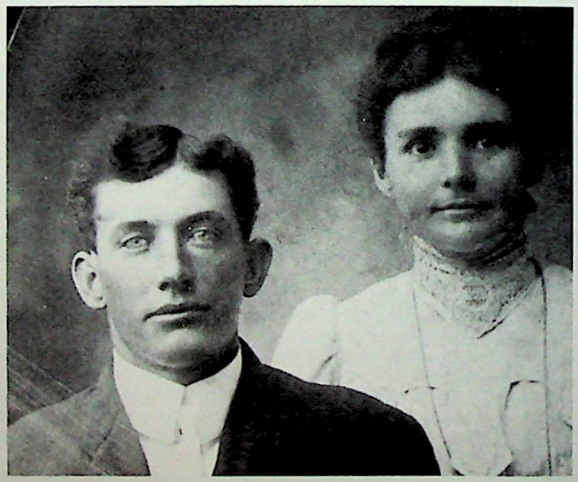
Gale born September 1936 and died at age five weeks, Larry born 23 January 1938 in Versailles. Larry finished high school in Versailles and received a degree in music and also in accounting at Warrensburg State Teachers College. He is a Certified Public Accountant and Controller with a firm in Buena Park, California. He married Martha Lynn Starkebaum of Higginsville 30 May 1960. Martha Lynn also has a music degree from Warrensburg. They have two daughters, Cheryl Renee born August 20, 1962, Angela Gaye born August 20, 1967.

During World War II Preston and Omega worked at Tweedie's Defense Plant in Versailles. Preston was Foreman over the bed rolls. After the War he drove to Jefferson City for ten years, where he was Foreman over the treeing room of Tweedie's Footwear Corp. In 1952 the Hutchison's bought the "Goodman Homemade Ice Cream" Parlor, and together with their son, Larry, operated it for nine years. During the winter months Preston worked at the Frigid Foods Locker. They sold their business in 1962 and Preston worked as parts manager for Hunter-Dornan Motor Company until 1973 when he took disability because of Parkinson's Disease. He died March 26, 1976.

Omega is a charter member of both Morgan and Moniteau Historical Societies, Niangua Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Preston and Omega became Life members of the Morgan County Historical Society and Omega finished her 10th year as supervisor of its Museum in the Old Martin Hotel in 1978. The Hutchison's are members of the Versailles Methodist Church. *Larry Hutchison*

## THOMAS M. HUNTER

Charles D. Hunter, b. 1875-d.1957, was the oldest son of T.M. and Dora Hunter, who lived six miles northeast of Versailles, Mo.



Frank R. and Bess Hunter - 1903

He married Maude Cleveland in 1898 near St. Louis. He was a pharmacist and owned and operated the old Globe Drugstore in Versailles for many years. Later he traveled for a drug company of St. Louis.

Their oldest son, Lloyd, b. 1901-d. 1967, also a pharmacist, married Marie Hargett of Versailles. They lived most of their life in Raton, New Mexico. She still lives there.

Thomas Hunter Family

*Back, l-r:* Chas. D., Lettie, Frank, Thomas M., Horace Vivian, Cecil, Raymond and Earl; *Front:* Thomas M. and Dora Rogers Hunter.

Lucille, the only daughter, b. 1905-d. 1974, married Henry Williams, b.1901-d. 1946, of Clinton, Kentucky. They had one son, David, who was born in 1928 and lives at Fort Smith, Ark.

Warren C. Hunter, b. 1914 married Bess Slawson in 1934 of Marion Iowa. They live in Monrovia, Calif. and he is employed by Home Savings and Loan Co. in Los Angeles. They have a son, born in 1944, who married Diane Heavicek of Chicago, Ill. where they live.

Frank R. Hunter, b.1879-d. 1941, son of T.M. and Dora Hunter, was born in Morgan County 6½ miles northeast of Versailles. He married Sally Bell (Bess) Driver, b. 1880-d. 1951, on Christmas Eve, 1902 in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Driver near Excelsior, Mo. They were farmers.

Frank and Bess had one daughter, Ruby Hunter Kavanaugh, b. 1905. In 1928 she married Jack Kavanaugh, b. 1904-d. 1944, son of C.W. and Josephine Lumpee Kavanaugh of Versailles. Jack and Ruby had one son, Zo Frank Kavanaugh, b.1930-d. 1974, who was married to Lenora Ruth (Pat) McDonald of Barnett, Mo. in 1956. Their children are Lisa Zoe, 1963, John Darren, June 26, 1965-d. June 27, 1965, and Chad Barry, 1970.

Zo Frank attended Versailles schools and served with the U.S. Marines in the Korean War, 1950-1953. In 1956 he joined the Kansas City Police Dept. and he and his family lived in Kansas City until his death.

Tom Hunter, Jr. b. 1883-d. 1964, was the son of T.M. and Dora Hunter. He married Lucille Dolly Hargett in 1921. She was born 1884-d. 1975. She with her two children, Ercel and Howard Campbell, lived in Glendale, Calif. Tom Hunter was a veteran of World War I, later was an attorney and state judge in California, lived in Los Angeles.

Ray Hunter, b.1891-d. 1926, son of T.M. Hunter and grandson of Shores P. Hunter, married Emma Ash 1915 of Climax Springs, Mo. Had two sons, Raymond, Jr., 1916, and Roger, 1918, who live in St. Louis. The family lived in Versailles and later in St. Louis.

Earl Hunter,b. 1893-d. 1959, son of T.M. Hunter and grandson of Shores P. Hunter, married Ethel Bowlin, b.1883-d.1977, in 1915. They had one son, Earl Gene, b. 1917-d. 1934. The family lived on a farm 6½ miles northeast of Versailles until death *Written by Ruby Hunter Kavanaugh*

## JOHN IMLER

The first Imler in America was Eric, who was born in Bavaria, Germany. He sailed on the ship, Mary, arriving in Philadelphia, Pa. on Sept. 27, 1732. He later bought 360 acres of land in Adams County, Ohio.

John Imler (born April 20, 1838, died Dec. 11, 1911) became a resident of Morgan County in 1872. He migrated from Ohio in the 1840's or early 1850's and settled east of Barnett, Mo.

He married Mildred Crane (born May 17, 1840, died Feb. 13, 1911) on Oct. 30, 1861. She was born in Boone County, Mo.

They were the parents of eleven children, Francis Marion R. Imler, who was a farmer, was the tenth of these children.

Francis (Frank) Imler (born July 23, 1883, died Sept. 30, 1958), married Hanna Ann Jobe (born Feb. 16, 1888, died Aug. 14, 1963) on Dec. 31, 1905. They were the parents of eleven children also and lived near Barnett.

Their children are Delbert, who lives in Eldon, Mo.; Karlton, Tipton, Mo.; Willis, Grandview, Mo.; Benferd, Leeton, Mo.; Bernice Eidson, Barnett; Shirlie Young, Stover; Edith

Imler Family; Frank, Hannah, Delbert, Beulah and Edith *(on lap)*

John and Mildred Imler

Thompkins, Wenatchee, Wash. and Neal Imler, Burbank, Calif.

Henry Imler, Nyrell Imler and Beulah Imler Son are deceased.

The early Imler emigrants established Imlertown and an Imler postoffice near Bedford, Pa. However, John Imler chose to put down roots in Missouri and 106 years later his descendants continue to live in Morgan and adjoining counties.

Each year members of the Imler family hold a reunion in Missouri, usually in Miller or Morgan county, to keep in touch with families and friends. *Submitted by Mrs. B.L. Imler, Rt. 1, Leeton, Mo.*

## JOHN W. IMLER

John Imler and his brother, David, came to Morgan County from Marion, Ohio, in 1858. They were employed to help construct the Missouri Pacific Railroad through Missouri.

Due to threatening conditions preceding the Civil War, the railroad construction was halted at Syracuse. John and David Imler remained in Morgan County. Being carpenters by trade, they were contracted to build three two-story houses. The houses were built at locations now known as the Morris Brown, Gilbert Phillips and John Ellis farms, and were six years in construction.

Lumber used in the houses was Michigan white pine and was brought to Morgan County from Boonville in wagons drawn by oxen and horses. Two of the houses have since burned, and the John Ellis house was razed.

John Imler married Mildred Crane in Morgan County on Oct. 31, 1861. They had 11 children. Margaret, born in 1862, died the following year. Stephen, born in 1864, married Virginia Crane. Theaney, born in 1866, died in 1868. Mary Frances was born in 1868. Armanda, born in 1870, married Ben Etter. John R., born in 1872, died along with his sister, Mary Frances, in the typhoid epidemic of 1890. Forest Rose, born in 1875, married James Beard. Cora Louise, born in 1878, married Guy W. Kidwell. Hulda, born in 1880, married Edward Williams. Francis Marion (known as "Frank R."), born in 1883, married Hannah Jobe. William Henry, born in 1886, married Verna Fields.

For years, a letter in the Imler family Bible was addressed to John Imler, The Stone House, Morgan County, Mo. The house referred to still stands two miles west of Barnett, and is known as the McDow place. It was built before the Civil War.

All members of the large Imler family were assigned specific jobs. The spinning wheel was always in operation. A large loom in an upstairs room weaved cloth for clothing. Various colors of dyes were made from walnut hulls, berries and roots of certain plants. Older daughters sewed garments for the entire family. At eight years of age, girls were taught to knit, and from then on, were responsible for knitting their own stockings.

Mildred Crane Imler dipped her own candles, which helped the fireplace to light the rooms. She died in Feb. 1911. Later the same year, John Imler was killed by a train while walking along the railway track. He was returning home from a visit with his son, Stephen, and — being very deaf — he was unable to hear the approaching train.

Mr. and Mrs. John Imler and eight of their 11 children are buried at Big Rock Cemetery. *Submitted by James A. Imler*

## WILLIAM H. IMLER

William H. Imler, the youngest child of John W. and Mildred Crane Imler, was born in 1886 a mile east of Barnett. William Imler lived his entire life within three miles of the home place, and about the same distance from his grandfather's farm, settled by A.D. Crane in 1842 south of Big Rock Church.

As a young man, William Imler helped in the construction of the Rock Island Railroad, at the wage of one dollar per day. About this time, the town — then called Barnettville — was destroyed by a tornado. Residents decided to rebuild a mile south, so the town would be located nearer the railroad. The town was renamed Barnett at this time.

William Imler helped in the rebuilding of a good many homes in the relocated town. Although he was engaged in active farming for most of his life, he continued working as a carpenter also.

In 1912, William married Verna Belle Fields, who had come to Morgan County from Virginia in 1904 with her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keith. The Keiths had settled on a farm two miles northeast of Barnett, known as the Inglish farm. The Keiths had sold coal-rich Virginia land to a mining company, and five families came to Barnett in private

William H. Imler

railway cars. They continued to live in the railway cars until they purchased farm homes in the Barnett area.

William H. and Verna Imler had four children born to them. Two sons died in infancy. James A. was born in 1913; Mildred in 1915.

James A. Imler grew up on the family farm in Morgan County, and except for four years of armed service during World War II, has been engaged in farming and custom-farming in the Barnett area. During the war, James served in allied campaigns in North Africa and Europe, working as a technical corporal in the maintenance of trucks and tanks. He married Edith Spalding in 1947. She died in 1975.

Mildred Imler was married to Lewis W. Friedly at Versailles in 1939. They have lived most of their married life in Kansas City, Mo. Their daughter, Lynda Osburn, born in 1945, is the only grandchild of William and Verna Imler. Verna Imler died in 1926. William Imler died in 1969. Both are buried in Big Rock cemetery. *Submitted by Mildred Imler Friedley*

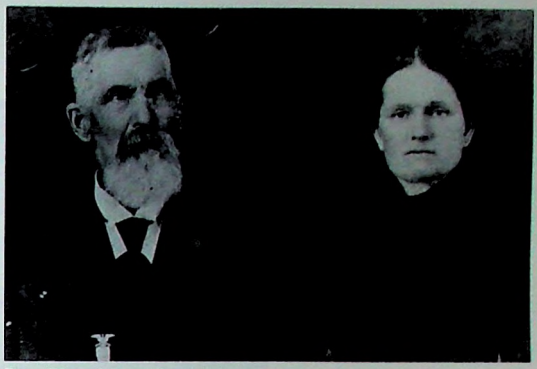
## PETER W. IVIE

Peter W. Ivie was born ca. 1828 along the Virginia-North Carolina border. In *The Ivey Family in the United States* by George Franks, 1941, Hickory, N.C., The Southern Publishing Co., the author states the surname is English and that there is documentary evidence that Ivo, Ivi, Ivy, Ivie, and Ivey are all of the same family.

Peter W. Ivie was married 24 Dec 1848 in Patrick County, Virginia to Jane Gray, born 26 July 1830 in Patrick County. Jane Gray was the sixth of ten children born to Powell Gray, born 1 June 1795 in Virginia, died in Versailles, Missouri; and Desdemonia Taylor, born 3 June 1803 in Virginia, died 6 June 1885 in Versailles, Missouri.

Patrick County, Virginia records indicate Powell and Desdemonia Gray sold 464 acres of farm land on 15 Oct 1852 to Philip Anglin for $2000.

Shortly thereafter, Powell Gray at age 57 set out with his family to move west. His children and spouses who made the move were: Mary "Polly" married to George E. Staples; Elizabeth married to Samuel Martin (later owners of the Martin Hotel in Versailles); Matilda married to John Martin; Norman Powell married to Sarah "Sally" Ann Ward; James William "Billy" married to Victoria J. Day; and Harriett Newell married to Benjamin Campbell Mobley. While enroute to



Peter W. and Jane (Gray) Ivie

Versailles where they arrived in 1853, John Martin died at St. Charles, Missouri.

Peter W. and Jane Gray Ivie had six children: John P. born ca. 1850; Adeline Matilda born 27 Dec 1851 married to John R. Moreland; Cora Francis born 19 1855 married (1st) James Lankford, (2nd) Luther Green, (3rd) Granville Mathew Jones; Susan "Sudie" Reece born 1 Nov 1861 married to Joseph O. Green; Elija Lee; and Eliza.

During the Civil War, Peter W. Ivie left his family to serve in the Union forces for four years. At this time several of the Gray relatives sought temporary refuge from bushwackers by moving to Illinois during part of the war.

Peter W. and Jane Gray Ivie were farmers who lived near Versailles from 1853 until about 1890. In the 1890's when land in the Indian Territory was being opened to settlers they moved when they believed they had an opportunity to better their lot in life. They settled near Wellston, Luther, and Chandler, Oklahoma. Peter W. became a freight hauler between Tulsa and Guthrie.

Peter W. died sometime before 1921. Jane Gray Ivie died 13 Feb 1925 and is buried in Blackburn, Pawnee County, Oklahoma alongside her daughter Susan "Sudie" and her son-in-law Joseph Green. *Kenneth J. Green, P.O. Box 6164, Mohave Valley, Az. 86440*

## JOHN DANIEL JAMES

*John Daniel James*, son of *Wm and Nancy James*, was married on August 8, 1866 to *Mary Elizabeth McFarland*. They were parents of four children: Gladys, Emma, Wm Edward and a son who died in infancy.

*WILLIAM EDWARD JAMES* was born March 22, 1873. On July 1, 1895 he was married to *Emma Vaughn*, daughter of Wm and Pernecia (Vaughn) Vaughn. They were the parents of ten children: *Alma* — Mrs. Dorsey Roe; *Alta* — Mrs Orville Huff; *Alpha* — Mrs Atwell Bauer; *Nellie* — Mrs Leonard Hart; *Earnest, Hayden, William, Ellis, Vencil and Nicholas*, who died at age 10.

*Ellis Harvey James* married Lena *Bintford Farr*, daughter of Thomas and Millie Sidebottom Farr, on March 6, 1930. They were the parents of two sons, *Kenneth and Donald*. *Donald* married *Carol Jean Huff*, daughter of Eliza and Odessa Hopkins Huff. They have three daughters: Kay, Kelly and Konnie. *Kenneth* married *Jewel Kincaid*, daughter of John Kincaid and Ruby Carver Kincaid Davis, and are the parents of Ricky Kim-Terri Lynn-Steven Mark. On May 18, 1973 *Kim* married *Carol Ann Walters* and on April 23, 1979 Terri Lynn married Billy Joe Walters, daughter and son of Everett and Grace Eddy Walters. (See Redrick O. Walters and James H. Eddy). Kim and Carol Ann James have a son, *Kory Dean*, born February 4, 1979. *Grace Walters*

## FRANK JENKINS

Frank was born near California, Missouri on October 7, 1885, the son of Benjamin and Mary Francis Jenkins.

Benjamin F. Jenkins

His grandparents, Ruben and Eliza Jenkins, moved to Missouri during the mid 1800's and farmed near California, Missouri for a few years. On November 1, 1859 they settled in South Morgan County and homesteaded a 200 acre farm. One acre of this farm was deeded to the school district and the first Jenkins school was built there. The school burned after a few years and a new one was built further south.

Frank and Ma[illegible]nkins

Frank's father, Benjamin, was married to Mary Francis Grilley in 1874. Mary had migrated to California, Missouri from Terre Haute, Indiana with her father in the early 1870's. To this union was born six children, Maggie, Anna, William, Barbara, Frank and Ruben.

When Frank was one year old his family moved to South Morgan County to live on the farm with his parents. He lived his early life there and attended the Jenkins school.

On August 29, 1912, Frank was married to Martha Ann Waisner from Benton County Missouri. She was the daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Coffelt) Waisner. They settled on a farm near the Jenkins homestead for a while and later moved to the homestead place. They had eight children whose names were Grace, Carl, Mary, Lewis, Olive, Ralph, Ruben and Lula.

The worst tragedy in our family struck November 24, 1917, when the farm house caught fire and burned. The adults were eating breakfast and the fire was not detected until it was too late to rescue Grace and Mary and they were burned in bed. Carl got down the stairs, but died a week later.

Lewis, Ralph and Ruben all spent time in the U.S. Armed Services during World War II. Lewis was with the U.S. Calvary in the South Pacific, India and Burma. Ralph served time in France, Germany and Austria with the U.S. Army and Ruben was in the Air Force in the South Pacific.

In 1944 the Jenkins homestead was sold to Noble Wilson and Frank and Martha moved to a farm south of Stover where he farmed and cut timber until 1956 when ill health forced him to sell the farm and move to Versailles.

Lewis married Mary Etta Goddard on October 2, 1948, and they have lived in Versailles for 30 years. They have three children: Linda, Charles, and Mary Ann. Linda married Dr. John Niver and lives in Topeka, Kansas. Charles is married to Diana Moore and lives at Laurie, Missouri. Mary Ann is married to Fred Giocondi and lives at Fortuna, Missouri.

Olive married Claude Croy on December 11, 1935. They have lived on a farm south of Gravois Mills, Missouri all of their married life. They have two children Evelyn and Frankie. Evelyn is married to Loren Baquet and they live at High Point, Missouri. Frankie is married to Darlene Vogt and lives northwest of Versailles, Missouri.

Ralph married Mildred Martschinsky on January 20, 1951 and they live at Mackinaw, Illinois. They have six children: Larry, Debora, Cynthia, Barbara, Ronald and Brian. Larry is married to Ritchie Miller and lives in Highland, California. Debora, Ronald and Brian reside at home. Barbara is married to Don Eichleberger and lives at Palmer Lake, Colorado. Cynthia lives in Morton, Illinois.

Ruben married Agusta Thomas on December 30, 1944, and they live in Casper, Wyoming. They have two children Gerald and Thomas. Gerald is a Captain in the Army and resides in California and is married to Marsha Hagen. Thomas is married to Christy Coffee and lives in Casper, Wyoming.

Lula married Dale Graham on March 28, 1953, and they lived in Chapman, Kansas. Lula died with cancer on May 31, 1975, and Dale died with a liver ailment on December 23, 1976. They were buried at Chapman, Kansas. They have two children Dale Wayne and Gayla. Dale Wayne resides in Chapman and Gayle is married to Don Ratzlaff and lives in Hillsboro, Kansas.

Having retired from farming, Frank and Martha lived in Versailles, Missouri for several years. Frank passed away on April 25, 1964, and Martha died March 30, 1975. They were buried side by side in the Versailles cemetery. *By Ralph Jenkins*

## ANDREW JOBE

Andrew Jobe, born 1620 in Kent County, England was the first Jobe to come to America. He and his Family settled in Pennsylvania.

His Great Grandson Enoch, born 1745, and a Revolutionary War Veteran was the first Jobe to come to Missouri. He moved with his Family from Virginia, and settled in what is now Moniteau County near California, Missouri about 1815. Others followed from Kentucky and Tennessee, and by 1850 the Jobe name was well represented in Moniteau, Cooper and Cole Counties.

About 1860 the Jobe Families began migrating to the West part of Miller and the East part of Morgan Counties, and by the turn of the century nearly every farm in the Rocky Mount Area was owned by some member of the Jobe Family.

Amanda R. (Aunt Mandy) the Widow of Jacob Jobe, and her Family were among these early settlers to put down roots in Morgan County. She bought what is known as "The Old Peach Orchard Farm" near Rocky Mount, and lived there until her death in 1919.

Otto and Billie Jobe

Although Aunt Mandy had eight children, her Son Everett was the only one to have Sons to carry on the Jobe name. Everett Jobe born 1879 and Georgia Myers born 1885 were married at Versailles in 1904, and they had three Sons: Otto, Leslie and Ralph. Everett was a farmer and stockman in the Rocky Mount and Gravois Mills area, until the waters of The Lake of the Ozarks drove him to higher grounds. In 1931 he bought a farm Northwest of Versailles where he carried on his operations until his death in 1945. Georgia died in 1919.

"Aunt Mandy" Jobe, widow of Jacob Jobe

Leslie and Ralph served in World War II. Leslie, a Horticulturist at the State Reformatory, lives in Jefferson City. Ralph, a Highway Supervisor, lives in Hallsville.

Otto remained in the Rocky Mount Area and taught in the Rural Schools of Morgan County from 1928 until 1962.

A stroll through the Union Cemetery in Morgan County and the Dooley Cemetery just across the line in Miller County, will reveal the final resting places of the older generation of the Jobe Families.

The only Jobe Family still living in the Rocky Mount Area is Otto Jobe and his Wife Billie, who operates Jobe's Tax Service there. They have two children James and Hazel. *By Otto Jobe*

## CONWAY A. JONES

Conway A. Jones (1889-1957) was better known by his many friends in Morgan County as C.A. Jones or Connie Jones. He was born in south Morgan County near Gravois Creek in the neighborhood of Ritchie Church to Edward Jones (1857-1948) and Sarah Crosswhite Jones (1858-1904). Conway had seven brothers and sisters; namely, William, Anna, John, Mamie, Lula, Edgar, and Minnie. Anna and Minnie died at an early age.

Conway A. and Belva (Meyer) Jones about 1912

Conway's grandfather (Charley Jones) came from England to the United States, first to Tennessee and Kentucky, then to Iowa, but later returned to south Morgan County mainly because of the availability of water and timber near Gravois Creek. Charley Jones married Sarah Clark from Scotland. Sarah lived to be 104 years old and resided three miles west of Versailles. The children of Charley and Sarah Clark Jones were: Charley, Jr., Henry, Edward, Bill, Mary, Emma, Georgia, Alice, Laura, Maggie, and Lillie.

On March 31, 1912, Conway A. Jones married Belva Meyer (1889-1970) the daughter of George W. Meyer a well-known livestock farmer of south Morgan County. Mr. Meyer frequently bought cattle as far away as Little Rock, Arkansas, and by the help of horses, sons, and a dog would drive the cattle back to south Morgan County.

Conway A. and Belva had one son named Clovis who now lives in Columbia, Missouri. Clovis married Evelyn Kay Miller of Windsor, Missouri. Clovis is now a retired staff member of the University of Missouri.

Clovis and Evelyn have two sons named: Michael Kent and Conway Arnold Jones. Michael married Janell Stutler and they have three sons; Todd, Matt, and Jim. The Michael Jones family lives in Bolivar, Missouri.

Conway Arnold Jones married Ann Louise Bruner and they have one son named Benjamin. The Conway Arnold Jones family lives in Columbia, Missouri, where Conway Arnold is presently a graduate student at the University of Missouri.

Conway A. Jones and his wife Belva owned and operated a farm three miles west of Versailles. Also, Mr. Jones was the Presiding Judge of the Morgan County Court for eight years.
*Written by Clovis Jones*

## GENERAL HARRISON JONES

General Harrison Jones was born 26 May 1844 and was the son of James and Nancy Rhodus who are mentioned elsewhere in this book. He came to Morgan County with his parents before 1860.

On 3 September 1864 he enlisted in the Union Army at St. Louis. He served in Company K, 40th Regiment of the Missouri Infantry volunteers. Private Jones was discharged at Benton Barracks on 7 August 1865.

On 9 June 1867 General Harrison married Sarah Cole in Franklin County, Missouri. He apparently lived in Franklin County for a number of years, but by 1880 he had returned to Morgan County and was living in the Haw Creek Township with Sarah and their two sons, John Robert and James Martin.

General Harrison Jones wore a full beard which he had not shaved since his 18th birthday. After the death of Sarah, he married Lucinda McLaughlin. He died 21 December 1926 and is buried at Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

On Christmas day in 1889 John Robert Jones married Nettie Lutman. Robert and Nettie lived on their farm between Stover and Versailles for their entire married life. They had two sons, Walter and Lewis. Their daughter-in-law, Harriet Jones, still lives on the farm. Lewis and his wife Harriet had two children: Harry Lewis Jones, who is a school teacher at Versailles and Rachel (Mrs. Larry Boatright) who lives near her mother on the farm of Robert Jones. Walter was married to Ella Simmons and he died in October 1914. He had one daughter Cleo (Mrs. Harvey Wisdom) who lives near Versailles.

James Martin (Mart) Jones was married in 1981 to Charlotte J. Silvey. They had four children: Willis, Elmer, Herbert, and Gertrude.

Mart Jones was a partner in Jones and Bechtel of Akinsville which bought carloads of firewood and then shipped it to retailers, particularly in Sedalia. In late 1899 he bought out the Capital Fuel Company in Sedalia and sold his interest in Akinsville. Mart and his family lived in Sedalia for some time before returning to Morgan County. During World War I he operated the West Lawn Grocery on South Oak Street in Versailles. At the end of the war, he sold the grocery and returned to his farm about four miles southeast of Florence where he lived until several years before his death in 1967. Mart Jones was quite tall and was a head taller than most men.

Willis Jones was born in 1893 and is presently living in Independence, Mo. He and his wife Zola Irene Gardner had one son, Willis, Jr., who lives in St. Louis.

Elmer was born in 1897 and was married to Marguerite Erickson. His step-son Kenneth Erickson is a teacher in Versailles. Elmer died in 1953.

Herbert H. "Hub" Jones was born in 1899. In 1924 he married Rao Richmond. They had three children: Jean, who was disabled in World War II, now lives in Memphis, Tennessee; Leo, resides at Stover; and Eva (Mrs Charles McBride) lives in Warrensburg, Mo. Hub Jones died in 1976.

Gertrude was born in 1901 and passed away in 1972 in Kansas City. She was married to Wilbur Wagenknecht. They had two children: Nona (Cawley) and Clifford.

## JAMES JONES

James Jones and Nancy Rhodus were both born in Kentucky about 1810. They were married in Madison County, Kentucky in August of 1828. To this union were born at least ten children of whom nine are known by name. They were in order William T., Minerva, Sydney Clay, Henry C., Martha Ann, Leannah, General Harrison, James, and William C.

The Jones Family 1893
Charlotte, James Martin, Willis, Nettie, John Robert, Walter, Sarah, General Harrison and James Jones.

Nothing more is known of Martha Ann or Leannah. See seperate articles on William T. and General Harrison.

James and Nancy came to Franklin County, Missouri about 1841 settling near Catawissa, Missouri. Sometime before 1860 they moved to Richland Township in Morgan County where they were recorded in the 1860 census. Nancy apparently died before 1880 when James was living with his grandson John L. Jones. In January, 1900 James was living with his son General Harrison Jones with whom he lived until his death.

Minerva Jones was born about 1834 and on Jan. 1, 1854 she married W.H. Miller in Franklin County. They also came to Morgan County by 1860 and had three sons J.A., James, and Felix at that time. It is believed some of their decendents still live in Morgan County.

Sydney Clay Jones was born September 30, 1835 in Kentucky. He became a Baptist minister and in 1880 he and his wife Elizabeth had three daughters, Martha, Maud, and Myrtle living at home. Rev. Sydney Clay Jones died on March 10, 1884. He is buried at Salem Baptist Cemetery and it assumed he was preaching there at that time. Myrtle was married in Morgan County in 1893 to Thomas J. Bowers.

Henry C. Jones was born about 1838 and was married to Elizabeth Miller on May 24, 1860 in Morgan County. It is believed Elizabeth was a sister of W.H. Miller who married Minerva Jones. Henry C. had two children, Ida who never married and John R. They moved to Pettis County before 1880.

It is believed that James Jr. died before 1860. The youngest son William C. went by his middle name of Cyrus. He went to Oklahoma in about 1900. *by Eva McBride*

## WM. "ORA" JONES

Wm. "Ora" Jones married L. Glee Stone, their three children: *Edna Louise Jones*, died at age 4, *Warren Lee Jones* (married Shirley Rowe) lives in North Kansas City, Mo. and *Raymond Glen Jones* (married Mary Beach and his children are: Glenna Rae and Gary Lee Jones) resides Independence, Mo. Ora Jones died June 22, 1933, and his wife resides in Versailles.

Glee (Stone) Jones, dau. of Rev. Thomas Stone and wife Permelia Ann Todd. The maternal grandparents: John T. Todd and Lorinda Jane (Dinwiddie Todd, resided Akinsville, Mo.) The maternal great grandparents: Rev. Ben F. Dinwiddie and 1st wife Eliza Ann (Mosley) Dinwiddie are buried on the Carl Siegel Farm in Morgan Co. Mo. Jonathan C. Todd and first wife Permelia Collins Todd, are buried Freedom Cem. The great great grandparents: Garland Collins lived Howard Co. Mo. James Dinwiddie, came here 1818. Bletcher Mosley and wife Elizabeth (Johnson) Mosley.

Glee (Stone) Jones paternal grandparents were: Rev. Benjamin D. Stone and wife Nancy Emily (Adair) Stone. The paternal great grandparents: Trusten Adair and wife Betsy Jane (Fisher) Adair. Rev. Benjamin Stone was reared in the household of James Kelly (Rev. War Soldier) and wife Nancy (Caperton) Kelly in Morgan County, Mo.

Wm. "Ora" Jones, son of John Will Jones and Mary Jane (Sims) Jones. His maternal grandparents were: Charley W. Sims and wife Louisa Ann (Chaney) Sims. His maternal great grandparents: James Sims and wife Rebecca (McGarrity) Sims (Who came here from Chester Dist. S.C.); and Henry Chaney and Lucinda (Allison) Chaney. All of these ancestors are buried in Freedom Baptist Church Cem. north of Versailles, Mo.

Ora Jones, paternal grandparents were: Edward Jones born in Wales 1810, came here 1827, married Mar. 22, 1849 2nd wife Susannah Estes, born 1829, died 1905 Glensted Cem. (Dau. of Hickman Estes, pioneer, moved on to Ark.) Hickman Estes, sister Sallie, married Martin Hawks. Edward Jones is buried Kelly Cem. on Newton Wilcox farm.

Few families can claim a larger number of early pioneer family lines as Glee (Stone) and her husband the late Wm. "Ora" Jones.

## WILLIAM RILEY JONES

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Jones
Children: Annis, Laura, J. Will, Mallory Jennie and Allie

William Riley Jones was born in Cooper County on January 2, 1838, the son of Jabez and Martha Harris Jones. Little is known of his childhood, but it is known the family moved to Morgan County.

On March 17, 1858 he was married to Jane Son, one of the younger daughters of John and Isabelle Mc Clure Son. They lived in the Hopewell-Excelsior area most of their married life, where he farmed and did carpenter work. A solid cherry school masters desk made by him is a prized possession of a granddaughter.

William Jones was a very active member of Hopewell Church. He had a good voice and led the singing during much of his lifetime, also playing the organ when necessary.

Seven children were born to William and Jane Jones. The oldest, Martha Isabelle, died at 18 of what was likely spinal meningitis. The other children were Annis, Alice (Allie), Jane (Jennie), Will, Laura and Mallory (Mal).

Annis married Curt Dye from north Missouri. Several children died in infancy. Four who lived were Verda, Alma, Gladys and Neil. They moved to Oklahoma at an early date.

Allie married her third cousin Eddie Jones. They had one son Riley. Eddie died at an early age. Years later Allie married Eddie's uncle, John R. Stinson. They lived near Clarksburg.

Jennie married Jim Sims. Their three children were Virgil, Lawrence and Elsie. The family moved to Oklahoma where they homesteaded.

Will Jones married Lizzie Martin. Their two children were Zella and Cloy. For many years they lived in the Olean community, later moving to Pettis county, near Windsor.

Laura married Ben Sims a minister and brother to the husband of her sister Jennie. As a minister Ben Sims held pastorates in Missouri and other mid-westeren states. Their two children are Pauline and Dargan.

Mal Jones married Maggie Hodges and lived as a farmer in the Hopewell-Excelsior area most of his life. Their children were Clara, Roy and Lucile.

It is not known if any descendents still live in Morgan County-It is believed there are none.

## WILLIAM T. JONES

The oldest son of James and Nancy Jones was William T. Jones. He was born about 1829 in Madison County, Kentucky and came to Missouri with his parents. In 1848 he married Willy Ann Coleman Smith in Franklin County, Missouri. He had at least 6 children by his first wife. After her death he married Mahala Byers and had six daughters by her.

William T. Jones and his first wife had sons, Frank, John Lewis, and James and daughters Martha, Mandy, and Mary. Nothing more is known of these daughters or of Frank, but his son James was single and living with his uncle, Rev. Sydney Jones in Morgan County in 1880.

John Lewis Jones was married in Franklin County, Missouri to Martha Cole. Martha was a sister of Sarah Cole who married General Harrison Jones. They were Daughters of John and Sarah McCourtney Cole. Their mother's brother, Rev. John M. McCourtney was at one time pastor of Upper Gravois, now Ritchie Baptist Church.

In 1880 John L. was living in Richland Township in Morgan County. John L. and Martha raised nine children, most of whom were born and grew up in Morgan County. Between 1880 and 1897 they lived in the Florence-Glenstead area and some if not all of their children attended school at Self Chapel. Their daughters were Mary Elizabeth (Milliner), Etta (Richards), Sarah (Smith), Annie (Morris), Blanche (Manning), and Julie Augusta (Cone). They had three sons, Ernest who died as an infant, and twin sons James Sidney "Sid" and William Harrison "Harry" Jones. Sid died in 1923 and Harry in 1967. Both Sid and Harry died in Sedalia. Sid and his wife Lillian Everhart had three sons and one daughter. Harry and his wife Rose Meyer had one son and four daughters.

Harry Jones' son Edward "Bud" Jones married Norma Jean Bohling and they live between Cole Camp and Stover. Their daughter Gay (Mrs. David Marriott) is a teacher at Versailles.

John L. moved to Smithton, Missouri in about 1897 and Martha died there in 1899. In 1900 he moved his family to Sedalia where he lived until his death in 1922.

William T. Jones, like his younger brother General Harrison, enlisted in the Union Army. He served for seven months in 1861 and was discharged after receiving a wound to his right arm. He had only limited use of his right arm for the rest of his life. William T. Jones lived most of his adult life in the timber areas of South Central Missouri in and around Reynolds County. He was a collier and responsible for the making of charcoal. Since this involved working near and even on top of the smoldering wood it was a very dangerous job.

William T.'s daughters by his second wife Mahala were Annie who married C.F. Woolery and later A.A. Tabor, Nancy who married James Greenway, Sarah who married Dave McGee, Lula who married Bert Rendleton, and Kate and Frances who married brothers George H. and William D. Kellner.

By the 1890 census of Union veterans, William T. Jones was living at Glensted near many other members of his family. He died about 1893 and is believed buried somewhere in that area. After his death, Mahala moved to Sedalia and she died in Saline County, Missouri about 1903. *By Eva McBride and A.J. Heck, Jr.*

## JOHN DAVID JAMES

John David James was born Jan. 18, 1840 and died April, 1912. He married Mary Elizabeth McFarland Aug. 8, 1866. She died Sept. 30, 1934.

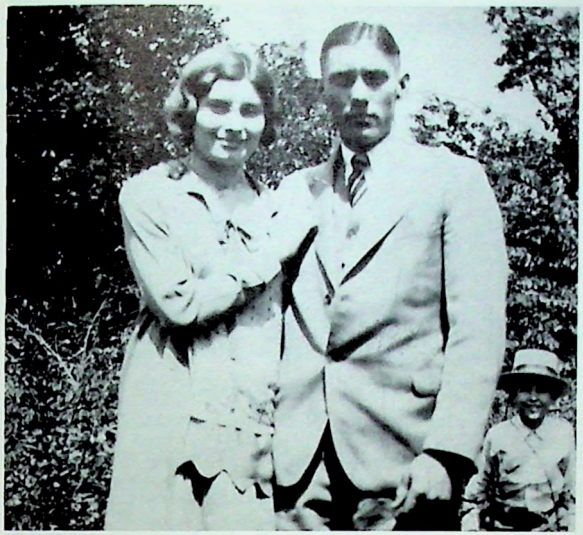
William Edward James Family 1913
Alma, Alpha, Hayden, Earnest, Ellis, Alta, Nellie

To this union were born Nancy, Emma. William Edward and Gladys. Gladys died when a small child.

John D. James lived on a farm in Morgan County south of Stover, Mo., now known as the "Charlie Rapp place," and known earlier as the old James farm. He served in the 1861 war, returning home with a minor injury, his little finger shot off. He became a Baptist preacher traveling horseback, holding services at school houses and homes without pay.

William Edward, the only son, known as Edd James, was born Mar. 22, 1873 and died Oct. 26, 1953. He was married to Susan Emmaline Vaughan July 1, 1895. She died May 25, 1950. Their children were Alma, who married Dorsey Roe (seven children born to them), Henrietta Elizabeth, Harold Emory, Joe Loyde, Edward Preston, Dorsey, Jr., Roy Eugene and David Lee. None live in Morgan County. Alma died in 1975.

Alpha married Atwell Bauer Dec. 11, 1918. He died May 2, 1971. Alpha lives in Versailles. Their three children were Viola Geraldine, who married Henry Ritchie of Versailles, Thomas



Chester and Nellie Miles

Eugene, who married Mayme Irene Johnson, lives south of Versailles, Creed Atwell, who Heida Artz. They had two children. Creed worked in Kansas City Chevrolet Plant 16 years, died at age 36, buried in Versailles Cemetery. Alma and Alpha both worked at the Martin Hotel in Versailles in 1917-1918.

William Edward James and Children 1972

Hayden married Sadie Bland and five children were born, Mildred, Melvin, Wayne, Juanita and Reba Dean. Juanita died at 25. Others live at Versailles.

Ernest married Alta Hunter and they had five children: Margie, Harry, Louise, William and Ernest, Jr. All live in Morgan County.

Ellis Harvey married Benford Farr and they had two sons, Kenneth and Donald. Kenneth is postmaster at Gravois Mills, Mo. Ellis died in April, 1973.

Alta married Orville Huff and they had two children, Lenora Elaine and Orville Edward. Edward is deputy sheriff in Kansas City area.

Nellie married Chester Oliver Miles and they had two children, Oliver Dale, supervisor at Aero-Jet in Falsum, Calif. and Anita Mae, interior decorator in Kansas City. Chester died in 1940. Nellie later married Raymond W. Carter, who served 4 years in World War II and died in 1969. Nellie married Leonard Ellsworth Hart in 1975 and they live in Morgan County.

Alta and Nellie also worked at the Martin Hotel in 1927-1930. Vencil Floyd married Ila Taylor and they had two children, Chester Eygene and Janet. Vencil died Dec. 24, 1975, buried in Versailles. William Edward married Marie Silvey and they had three children, Connie Arlene, who died in 1975, Jack and Lana, who live in Morgan County.

Bill, retired from State Highway Dept., lives north of Stover. *by Nellie Hart*

## MAX CARL JOACHIMI

Max Carl Joachimi was born in Medklenburg, Germany in 1843. In his youth he came to the United States with his parents. His wife, Helana Gross Joachimi, was born in New Orleans, La. in 1845. They were married in St. Louis, Mo. in 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Joachimi lived in Versailles, Mo. for 25 years or longer. Mrs. Joachimi died in St. Louis in 1898 (age 53) and Mr. Joachimi died in Versailles in 1911, age 68.

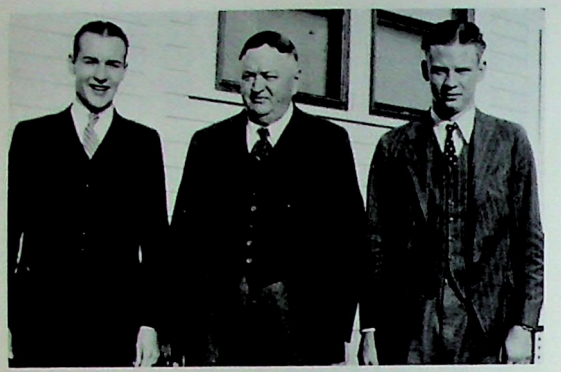
Joachimi Store and Delivery Wagon 1915

Max and Helana Joachimi had five children: Arthur Jacob, Max Louis, Carolina Helena, Albert George and Lillie Ida.

Joachimi Store Inside
Started at Versailles 1900

Arthur was born in St. Louis in 1867 and died in Versailles in 1933, age 66. He was an artist and a salesman. He was married and had two daughters.

Max Louis was born in Boonville, Mo. in 1870 and died in Boonville in 1948, age 78. He was married to Nannie Kelly, and they had no children. Albert was born at Versailles in



Edgar — Max — Nevin Wetzel

Ensminger Family
Milton, Arthur, Charles, Cleo, Thelma and Ceni

1881 and died in Denver, Colo. in 1901, age 20. Lillie was born at Versailles in 1883. She was married to a physician, Nevin M. Wetzel, M.D. and had one son. She was a musician and piano teacher for many years. She died at Thousand Oaks, Calif. in 1968, age 85. Caroline (Carrie) was born in Versailles in 1878. She married a florist, Claude Walter, and had four children, three sons and a daughter. Carrie Walter is presently living with her daughter, Fern, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Witt at La Junta, Colo. "Aunt" Carrie makes beautiful handwork. She is alert and well for her age. She will be 100 years old Nov. 9, 1978.

Max Carl Joachimi was a prominent merchant in Versailles, circa 1875-1911. He owned and operated a grocery and dry-goods store and for many years also operated a railroad tie business. He owned resort property on the White River in Arkansas, where he entertained business men and their families from St. Louis, Mo. His son, Max Louis Joachimi, continued to operate the family store in Versailles, until 1938 when he retired.

The Joachimi store, a department store, was well-known for miles around Versailles and was called a "Christmas wonderland" each year during the holiday season. The store was also famous for its fine china dishes, cutglass and silverware.

Max L. Joachimi sang in the Versailles Methodist Church for many years as a member of the chancel choir and often sang in men's quartets for funerals.

Max Carl Joachimi was married the second time to Molly Blaire of St. Louis. He had no children of this marriage but she had a daughter, Maude Blaire, a popular young lady in Versailles.

## CHARLES JONES

Charles Jones, a son of Sarah Ann Jones, was born at Keokuk, Ia. The Jones family migrated to Missouri and located west of Versailles on a farm.

Charles Jones married Harriet Ann Marriott, daughter of Elisha Marriott of Gravois Mills, Mo.

They had one daughter, Ceni Jones, who was married Jan. 27, 1901 to Charles Ensminger of Stover, Mo. Charles Ensminger bought a large farm at Proctor, Mo., some of which was Osage river bottom land. They lived in a three-room log house on the lake, that had a big fireplace.

After a few prosperous years, the Ensminger's built a lovely two-story home. After a time they had a Delco light system installed in the garage that gave them the advantage of an electric ice box, washer, two pale lights and lights in some outbuildings.

Mr. Ensminger was director of the bank at Stover, Mo.

When the Union Electric Company started the construction of the Bagnell Dam across the Osage river, they bought the river farm land and most of the best farm land on the Proctor Creek.

The Ensminger's sold their farm at Proctor and purchased a large two-story home in Versailles, Mo.

They were active members of the Versailles Methodist Church.

The children of Charles and Ceni Ensminger were Arthur, now deceased, Mrs. Will R. (Thelma) Kidwell and Mrs. Clyde (Cleo) Coffman of Independence and Milton Ensminger also of Independence.

The Ensminger's had ten grandchildren. *by Thelma Ensminger Kidwell*

## JOHN J. JONES

John J. Jones was born Oct. 26, 1861. His parents were Jesse B. Jones born in Morgan County March 17, 1840, and Mary F. Porter Jones, born in Missouri, June 16, 1844, died July, 1896.

Arthur (Bish) and Alma Jones Eickhoff

The children of Jesse B. and Mary F. Jones were John J., T.L. Jones, Mrs. C.J. Sims, L.E. Jones, Joe Jones and Alma Mieggs.

Jesse B. Jones was a farmer and lived five or six miles south of Florence, where he raised his family. For many years he was justice of the peace in his township. After his wife died, he made his home with John J. in Versailles.

John J. Jones was educated in the public and private schools of Morgan County. He taught several terms of school and was considered one of the best teachers in the county. He was an active member of the Methodist church and Sunday school and sang in the chancel choir.

On May 1, 1891 he married Katherine M. Brunkhorst, born Aug. 8, 1871, daughter of John Brunkhorst, born July 1, 1842. John Brunkhorst came to the United States in 1843 from Frederickdorf Hanover, Germany, with his parents, George (born 1799) and Catherine (born1802), who were natives of Germany.

On July 1, 1870 John Brunkhorst married Caroline Cordes and their children were Katharine M. (Katie), Johanna, born 1878, and Carl, born 1880. John Brunkhorst served in the Union Army in the Civil War. He is buried in Florence Cemetery, in Sept., 1927.

John J. Jones and his wife, Katharine, had one daughter, Alma, born Nov. 3, 1904 in Morgan County. After John J. Jones quit farming he studied law privately and was admitted to the bar in Dec., 1901. He was an attorney in Versailles and, in 1910, he was elected circuit clerk and recorder of Morgan County, and served until Jan. 1, 1915.

Alma Jones grew up in Versailles and attended the schools, graduating from Versailles High School in 1925. She attended business school and held several secretarial positions. She was deputy circuit clerk and recorder for several years. She was pianist and organist for the Methodist church for fifty years and taught a class of piano and organ pupils for years.

On July 17, 1936 she married Arthur (Bish) Eickhoff, born Sept. 14, 1896, son of Albert G. and Margaret Kroenke Eickhoff of Cole Camp. He was a carpenter and professional musician. He directed a Cole Camp band for many years and the Versailles Municipal Band. He was in World War I with the U.S. Navy.

Alma died Sept., 1976 and is buried in St. Johns Church of Christ Cemetery at Florence.

Arthur (Bish) died May 31, 1977 and is buried in the Eickhoff Cemetery at Cole Camp.

## JOHN ROBERT JONES

John Robert Jones (1868-1945) son of General Harrison and Sarah Cole Jones moved to Morgan County in 1877.

He married Nettie Lutman (1870-1956) on Christmas Day, 1889. Their children: Walter (1892-1914) married Ella Simmons.

Walter's daughter, Cleo, married Harvey Wisdom. They live in Morgan County. Their children: Carl of Lee's Summit, Mo. and Grace Wisdom Fulkerson of Oklahoma.

The other son, Lewis, (1898-1963) married Harriette Stockton. Their children are Harry Lewis, who married Dolores Ferguson, and whose children are Cindy, Bradley, John Robert and Scott, and Rachel Jones Boatright, who married Larry Boatright. Their children are Lori and Wally. Lewises' children and grandchildren all live in Morgan County. *by Harriette Stockton Jones*

## RICHARD WILLIAM JONES

Richard William Jones of North Wales and his teen-age bride, Agnes Powell Williams of South Wales arrived at St. Louis, Mo. in 1845. Richard died in 1846 and Agnes married Francis Jones from Hollywell, Flintshire, North Wales in 1852. Their son, Conway, was born in St. Louis in 1853. Francis died in 1855. In 1856 Agnes married David Daniels, born 1818 in Cheshire, England, who had come to America in 1849. David had one daughter, Harriet Daniels.

In 1858 David and Agnes, with Conway and Harriet moved from St. Louis to a land grant of 400 acres northeast of Versailles. They became farmers and built a school and Beulah Church. Their children were Agnes, David, Samuel, William, Hannah and Isaac.

Conway Jones

Francis Price Jones

Conway Jones, Agnes' son, married Alice Grey Hunter of Morgan County in 1875. Their farm, given them by her father, was four miles north of Versailles adjacent to Freedom Church.

Conway and Alice Grey had five children, Francis Price, born in 1877, Louetta Agnes, 1880, Alice Augusta, 1882, Lauvera Hannah, 1885 and Kleber Conway, 1889.

Francis Price received a law degree from the University of Missouri in 1899 and practiced law in Versailles until 1904. He worked at the First National Bank in Versailles. In Sept. 1904 he married Margaret Byrd Maddox of Saline County, Mo., a teacher at Gravois Mills. They lived in a new house in Versailles seven years. Their children were Edwin William, 1907, Katharine Sue, 1908, Marguerite Alice, 1910, Mary Virginia, 1911, Lucy Mae, 1916, Betty Lee, 1918 and Samuel Price, 1922. The four older children attended Versailles school and all attended the Versailles Methodist Church.

The family moved from Morgan County in 1922. Francis Price died in 1929 and Margaret Byrd in 1954.

Edwin graduated from Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo. in the same class with his mother in 1931. Margaret Byrd taught school at Hale, Mo. and Edwin at various schools, including a two-year period at Versailles High School. He is retired and lives in Baxter Springs, Kas. He has three children, Bob, Nancy and Mary, and five grandchildren.

Katharine taught school in Saline county three years and was married in 1931 to John Quincy Dromgold of Versailles. They are now retired and live in Oklahoma City, Okla. Their only child, Margaret Leona, was born in Kansas City, Mo. April 13, 1939 and lives with her two daughters, Alejandra Torres and Andrea Torres in Bogota, Colombia, South America.

Marguerite Alice married Harold Mitchell of Marshall, Mo., they are retired and live in Coffeyville, Kas. They have no children.

Mary Virginia died at age 11 in 1922.

Lucy Mae taught in Missouri schools for several years before she married Dr. Joseph William Marinders of Detroit, Mich. They live in Sedalia, Mo. and their child, Bill, is unmarried and lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Betty Lee taught for several years in Missouri schools before her marriage to Charles P. Elliott of Independence, Mo. They live in Jefferson City, Mo. as does their daughter, Bettina Walls and her sons. Mike and Chris Walls.

Dr. Samuel Price Jones married Lura Spearman of Jefferson City, Mo. and they live in Dallas, Texas. Their children are Tom and Sally, both married, with no children.

The survivijc maibers kb the Jojas family have warm memories of Morgan County and attend the Hunter family reunions in Versailles each year. *by Katharine Jones Dromgold*

## AUGUST D.W. KANENBLEY

August Dietrick Wilhelm Kanenbley, son of Frederick and Elizabeth Kanenbley, was born in Morgan County on July 17, 1861. He married Catherine Rodenbach on March 29, 1894. They were the parents of one child — Raymond Christian. August was a farmer in the Richland Creek area near Syracuse, Mo. Both were members of Evangelical and Reformed Church in Florence, Mo. August died March 25, 1920. Catherine died September 5, 1959. Both were buried in the church cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. August D.W. Kananbley

Raymond Christian Kanenbley was born on September 2, 1895. He graduated from Burford School and attended Business College in Sedalia, Mo. He married Sarah Edith Siegel on September 9, 1916. They were the parents of three children — Raymond Jr., August Siegel, and Kathryn Amfield. Raymond spent his entire life on the family farm in the Richland Creek area near Syracuse, Mo. They were both killed in an automobile accident on August 29, 1970. Both were buried in the Syracuse cemetery.

Raymond Kanenbley, Jr., was born on March 29, 1917. He graduated from Syracuse High School. He spent 3½ years in the Navy during World War II. He married Ruth of Cowgill, Mo. and she died in 1952. His second marriage was to Norma Tanner of Bethany, Mo. Raymond was employed by General Motors in Kansas City, Mo. for 30 years. He died January 14, 1977 and was buried in Floral Hills cemetery in Kansas City, Mo. Raymond had no children.

August Siegel Kanenbley was born July 19, 1921. He graduated from Syracuse High School. He served in the navy during World War II. He married Minnie Rasa of Florence, Mo. on June 26, 1943. They were the parents of two children — August Wayne and Shirley Ann. Since 1952, August has owned and operated Kanenbley's Store in Florence, Mo. August also owns and operates a farm 4 miles east of Florence on Richland Creek.

Kathryn Amfield Kanenbley was born January 11, 1926. She graduated from Syracuse High School and attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Mo. Kathryn taught school 3 years at Mt. Olive. Kathryn married Lionel Henderson of Otterville, Mo. on September 27, 1948. They were the parents of one child — Sarah Loretta. Kathryn now resides in Otterville, Mo.

August Wayne Kanenbley was born June 13, 1944. He graduated from Tipton High School and received his Agriculture Engineering degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo. He spent 3 years in the U.S. Air Force. August Wayne married Rita Skaggs of St. Louis, Mo. on September 2, 1967. They are the parents of 3 children — Cynthia Sue, born March 11, 1970; Lynn Michelle, born March 2, 1973; and Mark Raymond, born February 6, 1974. Wayne was employed for 4 years as Mill Superintendent by Cargill Feed Division. In 1976, he returned to Syracuse, Mo. and purchased the Kanenbley farm in Richland Creek area which was previously owned by his Great Grandfather, Grandfather, and Father.

Shirley Ann Kanenbley was born December 1, 1946. She graduated from Tipton High School and received her B.S. degrees in Business Administration and Business Education and her M.S. degree in Business Education from Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, Mo. Shirley taught 8 years at Stover High School in Stover, Mo. She married Gary Knipp of Tipton, Mo. on August 22, 1970. They are the parents of two children — Christian Byron, born March 16, 1976; and Sarah Jane, born August 4, 1977.

Sarah Loretta Henderson was born November 10, 1949. She graduated from Washington High School in Kansas City, Kansas. She married Norm Cook of Kansas City, Kansas on October 27, 1972. They are the parents of two children — Heather Dawn, born August 29, 1975; and Kevin Lewis, born October 27, 1978. *August S. Kanenbley*

## FREDERICK KANENBLEY

Frederick Kanenbley was born in Hanover, Germany on February 10, 1810 and died September 28, 1863. He homesteaded in Morgan county east of Florence, Mo., receiving 40 acres from the Fayette land office with a certificate signed by Franklin Pearce, President of the United States, on November 1, 1854. This land remained in the family through his son, Henry, and Henry's sons: Herman, Carl (Charley) and Joseph until it was sold in 1966. Many Indian relics were found on the farm and an old rail fence remained until 1966.

Elizabeth Stumpenhaus of the Lake Creek neighborhood was born in Hanover, Germany on May 5, 1823 and died August 25, 1882. She married Frederick Kanenbley probably on

Elizabeth (Stumpenhaus) Kanenbley

March 30, 1849. Frederick, Elizabeth and their children Dederick and Dorisa, and perhaps other children were buried several miles east of Florence, Mo. at the old Kanenbley cemetery in the churchyard of the Kanenbley church which burned years ago.

Louisa (Kanenbley) Hinken
Dorisa Kanenbley

Frederick Kanenbley was shot on September 25, 1863 by three Bushwhackers while waiting on the road for his son, Henry, 13, to water the team of horses at the creek. Hearing the shot, Henry rushed back. The Bushwhackers asked Henry if he saw a deer run by, but Henry had not and found his father dead. Elizabeth Kanenbley continued to operate the farm with the help of her sons, ages 13 and 5 at the time.

Frederick and Elizabeth Kanenbley had six children. They were: Henry, Herman, Dorisa, Eliza, August Dietrick Wilhelm, and Dedrick.

Henry Kanenbley was born July 27, 1850. He married Augusta Meier, the daughter of Carl and Adelheid Meier of the Lake Creek neighborhood on January 6, 1889. They were farmers on the original Frederick Kanenbley farm. Henry died on January 18, 1917 and Augusta died on April 5, 1930; both are buried north of the church at the Florence, Mo. cemetery. Their children were Herman M., Carl Frederick (Charley), Sophia Elizabeth, (Mrs. Walker Sanders) and Harry Joseph.

Dorisa Kanenbley was born in 1853 and died July 25, 1872. She was working in Sedalia at the time of her death. Dedrick was a small child when his father was killed in 1863 and did not live long after that.

Eliza Kanenbley married Henry Hinken of near Smithton, Mo. They had two daughters named Matilda and Gustive. Gustive died at the age of 25 and Eliza was dead at the time of her mother's death in 1882. Matilda was born March 10, 1878 and died March 16, 1960. She was married to George Meyer of Lamonte, Mo. on August 2, 1911. They had four children: Lawrence, Elsie, Carl and Opal. Lawrence was born April 26, 1912 and lives in the state of California. Elsie was born July 29, 1914 and married E.P. Burgenger. She lives in Sedalia. Opal (Mrs. Truman Huff) was born July 14, 1921 and also lives in Sedalia. Carl was born November 1, 1915 and lives in Sedalia.

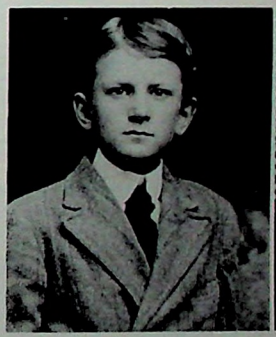
Herman Kanenbley was born March 4, 1858 and died January 31, 1937. On April 21, 1892, he married Nettie Louise Hughes, who was born near Versailles, Mo. on June 11, 1868 and died August 17, 1949. Their children were Herman Ross, Lee Edgar, Virgie (Virginia) Neoma, Bessie Mable (Mrs. Bernhard (Ben) Oehrke) and Evert Clyde.

August Dietrick Wilhelm Kanenbley was born July 17, 1861 and married Kathryn Rodenbaugh on March 29, 1894. They had one son, Raymond Christian Kanenbley, born September 2, 1895. Raymond married Edith Siegel, born December 14, 1898. Both were killed on August 29, 1970 in an automobile accident.

Sophia Sanders recalled that Frederick Kanenbley had either a brother or a cousin who remained in New York and a sister in Missouri. The sister died of injuries to her face from a falling picket fence. *by Mrs. Charles H. Sanders*

## JOSEPH KANENBLEY

Harry Joseph Kanenbley was born June 30, 1898 on the Kanenbley farm east of Florence, Mo. His father was Henry Kanenbley, who was born near Florence, Mo. probably on the Kanenbley homestead on July 27, 1850 and died there on January 18, 1917. Henry was the son of Elizabeth (Stumpenhaus) and Frederick Kanenbley. Joseph's mother was Augusta (Meier) Kanenbley, the daughter of Adelheid (Pragmann) and Carl Meier. Augusta (Meier) Kanenbley was born in Brunswick, Germany on May 20, 1857 and died near Florence, Mo. on April 5, 1930.



Joseph Kanenbley

Carl Frederick (Charley) Kanenbley

Joseph Kanenbley attended the Lemler school and assisted his brothers, Herman and Carl Frederick (Charley) with farming the Kanenbley homestead and other farms acquired through the years. Kanenbley Brothers raised Hereford cattle, Spotted Poland China hogs, brown Leghorn chickens and sheep. They had one of the first horse-powered hay balers in the area and terraced their land with only the use of a carpenter's level and a plow.

On December 26, 1931, Joseph Kanenbley and Georgia Alberdene Bramble were married. Alberdene was born in Kansas City, Ks. on August 6, 1910 and is the daughter of Thomas John and Anna Jane (Carrico) Bramble of Florence, Mo. Joseph and Alberdene lived south of the Kanenbley homestead on what was known as "the Klein place". They had three children: Jo Ann, Charles Herman, and Mary Frances.

Jo Ann Kanenbley was born at Florence, Mo. on October 30, 1932 and was married in Sedalia to Ralph Twenter of Pilot Grove. Their children are Daniel Joseph, born March 1, 1954 and Linda Ann, born July 19, 1955. They are associated with a lumber yard in Pilot Grove.

Charles Herman Kanenbley was born at Sedalia, Mo. on January 29, 1934. He studied agriculture at the University of Missouri and married Patricia Ann Cuttaia of Niagara Falls, N.Y. at Costa Mesa, Calif. on September 5, 1964. He is Fire Marshall for the city of Anaheim, Calif. Their children are Francine René, Steven Joseph, and Christopher Cole. Francine René was born March 2, 1966 at Orange, California. Steven Joseph was born December 28, 1967 at Orange, California. Christopher Cole was born May 7, 1970 at Anaheim, Calif.

Mary Frances Kanenbley was born November 3, 1936 at Florence, Mo. On September 10, 1954 she married Paul Elmer Duvel of Florence, Missouri at Florence. He is now the sanitation plant superintendent for Leucadia Sanitation District, Leucadia, Calif. Their children are June Loretta, Charles Lou, and William Paul. June Loretta was born June 13, 1955 at Sedalia, Mo. On July 10, 1974 she married Benjamin Biaz Ramirez and their child, Ryan Jason Ramirez, was born November, 1, 1977 at La Jolla, California. Charles Lou Duvel was born July 23, 1956 at Sedalia, Mo. and William Paul Duvel was born May 5, 1958 at Oxnard, California.

Following the death of Herman Kanenbley, Joseph Kanenbley moved to Thousand Oaks, California. There he worked as a cement finisher. After the death of Charley Kanenbley, Joseph bought and then sold the family land, some of which had been in the family since 1854. He died on December 8, 1965 at Pilot Grove, Mo. following an automobile accident and is buried at Sacred Memorial Gardens in Sedalia.

Alberdene Kanenbley remarried after Joseph's death to Eugene Cruthers Brown on June 28, 1975 at Oceanside, California.

## LEE KANENBLEY

Lee Edgar Kanenbley, second son of Herman and Nettie Louise (Hughes) Kanenbley, was born on September 2, 1894 on the family farm on Big Richland Creek, Syracuse, Mo. His two brothers were Herman Ross and Evert Clyde and his sisters were Virgie Neomi and Bessie Mable. Lee died on October 15, 1975 and is buried at Highland Gardens in Sedalia.

Lee Kanenbley

On July 6, 1930, Lee married Clara L. Holman in Windsor, Mo. She was born on June 28, 1900 and was the daughter of Robert S.J. Holman and Addie Cline Holman of Florence, Mo. She attended school in Florence and Stony Point School; they had no children.

Lee attended Central Business College at Sedalia and Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg from 1911 to 1912. He taught school in Versailles from 1914 to 1915. He worked as a bookkeeper for some time and joined his brother, Ross, in farming on what was known as the Koegler Farm located about 3½ miles northwest of Florence on Haw and Flat Creeks. They farmed this land until about 1930 when they sold this farm and each puchased another one. Lee's farm was near Florence, Mo. where he raised row crops, hogs and cattle. *by Mrs. Charles H. Sanders*

## ROSS KANENBLEY

Herman Ross Kanenbley was a farmer in the Florence area of Morgan County, Mo. He was born February 13, 1893 and died October 25, 1970. He is buried at Highland Sacred Gardens at Sedalia, Mo. He was the son of Herman and Nettie Louise (Hughes) Kanenbley and the grandson of Frederick and Elizabeth (Stumpenhaus) Kanenbley, all of Morgan County. Ross Kanenbley was raised on a 210 acre farm on the Big Richland Creek known as the "Rehmer farm" east of Florence, Mo.

Ross Kanenbley, son Herman and Nettie (Hughes) Kanenbley

Anna (Siegel) Kanenbley, wife of Ross Kanenbley

Ross Kanenbley married Anna Sophia Siegel of near Glenstead around 1923 in Sedalia, Mo. Anna was born August 4, 1895 and died June 4, 1972. Anna was descended from one of the oldest families of the Florence, Mo. area. Her father, Frederick Henry Siegel, was born in 1862 and died in 1948 and he was the son of John Peter Siegel. Anna's mother, Marie Eisenhart, was born May 16, 1865 and died January 12, 1942. Marie Eisenhart and Frederick Henry Siegel were married November 3, 1886.

Ross Kanenbley and his brother, Lee, farmed together around 1919 on their father's farm known as the "Koegler Farm" located about 3½ miles northwest of Florence on Haw and Flat Creeks. Many Indian arrowheads were found on this farm. Ross and Lee continued to farm this land until about 1948 when they sold this farm and each purchased another one.

Ross and Annie Siegel had one son, Clyde Harold, who was born July 21, 1925 at Sedalia, Mo. He married Della Meyer Klein at St. John's at Bahner on June 1, 1945 and they live in Sedalia. He is a farmer. Their children are Donna Ann, Pamela Lee and Clyde, Jr.

Donna Ann Kanenbley was born April 4, 1948 at Sedalia, Mo. She was married to David Bahner on June 22, 1968 at St. Patrick's Church in Sedalia in a double wedding with her sister, Pamela Lee and David's brother, Robert Bahner. Donna and David live in Joplin, Mo. and their children are Treasa and Wendy. Treasa Ann was born January 14, 1969 and Wendy Lynn was born June 6, 1971.

Pamela Lee Kanenbley was born October 28, 1950 in Sedalia, Mo. and married Robert Bahner. Their children are Sandra Jo, born December 13, 1968 and Mandy Ann, born April 9, 1975. They live on Route 2, Sedalia, Mo.

Clyde M. Kanenbley was born June 18, 1953 in Sedalia and on June 23, 1977, he married Cindy Jane Rogers at Maple-

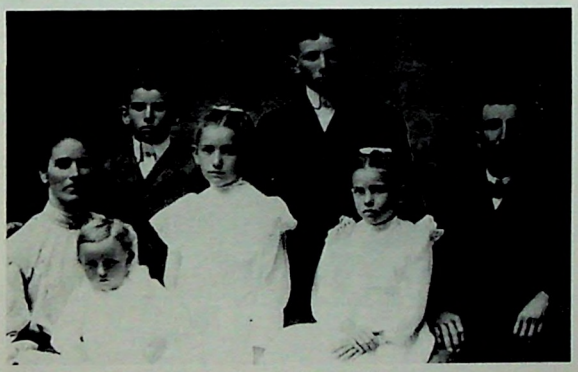
wood church near Sedalia. They live in Sedalia. *by Mrs. Clyde Kanenbley and Mrs. Charles Sanders*

## HERMAN KANENBLEY

Herman Kanenbley, second son of Frederick and Elizabeth Kanenbley, was born March 4, 1858, near Florence, Mo. After his father was slain by bushwhackers in 1863, Herman, his two brothers and their mother continued to operate the family farm, until her death on Aug. 25, 1882. At that time, Herman bought 210 acres on Big Richland Creek, called the "Rehmer Farm".

Nettie and Herman Kanenbley

On April 21, 1892, Herman married Nettie Louise Hughes at Florence. August Kanenbley moved in with his brother and helped with the farm until he married Kathryn Rodenbaugh on Mar. 29, 1894, then he purchased a farm southwest of Syracuse.



Family of Herman and Nettie Kanenbley
*Back, l-r:* Lee Edgar, Herman Ross; *Front:* Nettie, holding Evert, Clyde, Vergie Neomi, Bessie Mable, and Herman.

Herman and Nettie had five children: Herman Ross, Lee Edgar, Virgie Neomi, Bessie Mable and Evert Clyde.

Ross, born Feb. 13, 1893, and died Oct. 25, 1970, was engaged in farming all his life. He married Anna Sophia Siegel of Glensted in 1924. They had one son, Clyde Harold, born July 21, 1925. Clyde married Della Klein; their children are: Donna Ann, Pamela Lee and Clyde, Jr. Donna Ann married David Bahner; their children are Terri Ann and Windy Lyn. Pamela married Robert Bahner; their children are Sandra Jo and Mandy Ann. Clyde Jr. married Cindy Jane Rogers.

Lee Kanenbley attended Central Business College at Sedalia, and was employed as a bookkeeper for a time. He then attended Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg and taught school. Later, he joined his brother, Ross, on a farm their father had purchased earlier — known as the Koegler Farm, located northwest of Florence. They operated this farm until about 1930, when both brothers sold the farm and each purchased separate farms. Lee was married to Clara L. Holman, in Windsor, Mo., on July 6, 1930.

Virgie Kanenbley remained at home with her parents her entire life. She died Mar. 9, 1923, after being stricken with influenza while visiting her sister in Sedalia. She is buried at Syracuse.

Bessie Kanenbley completed a secretarial course at Central Business College in Sedalia and was employed for about 40 years in law, insurance, real estate and civil service offices. She retired in 1969 after 30 years in civil service. She was married to Bernhard H. Oehrke, of Florence, on April 28, 1945. He died July 31, 1974, in Sedalia and is buried there.

Evert Kanenbley, born Dec. 17, 1904, was a mechanic and builder. He worked for a time at the Chevrolet Plant in Detroit as a welder. On May 6, 1931, he married Nadean Lewis, of Syracuse, who was born Dec. 12, 1908. They lived on the home place, after Evert's parents had retired and moved to Syracuse.

In 1937, Evert and his wife moved to California, where he built 14 motels and a home. He also bought disabled cars to rebuild and resell. He still operates the motels and lives at Whittier, Calif. Evert and Nadean's children are: Norman Russell, Shirley Marie and Kenneth Edward. Russell was born Dec. 22, 1933, and his children are Linda Susanna and Lori Mae. Shirley Marie married Walter Lee Whitmire, and their children are Rocky Lee, Debra Sue and Melinda Marie. Kenneth Kanenbley was born May 31, 1945, and his children are Kirk Allen, Brian and Heather. *by Mrs. Charles H. Sanders*

## HENRY KANENBLEY

Henry Kanenbley, a farmer who lived east of Florence, Mo., was born July 27, 1850; probably on the family homestead where he lived his entire life. He was the son of Frederick Kanenbley, born Feb. 10, 1810, in Hanover, Germany, and Elizabeth Stumpenhaus Kanenbley, born May 5, 1823, in Hanover, Germany.

Henry Kanenbley Family

On Sept. 25, 1863, when Henry was 13, he had gone to water a team of horses at the creek when he heard shots. He encountered three bushwhackers, and found that his father had been killed. Elizabeth Kanenbley and her son, Henry, continued to operate the farm. Two younger sons, Herman and August D., were five and two years of age at the time of their father's death.

After the death of their mother on Aug. 25, 1882, the Kanenbley brothers dissolved the partnership and Henry remained on the home place. On Jan. 6, 1889, he married Augusta Meier, daughter of Carl and Adelheid Pragmann Meier of the Lake Creek neighborhood. Augusta had taught at Lemler School, near the Kanenbley home. She was born in Brunswick, Germany, on May 20, 1857, and died April 5, 1930, at the family home. Their children were Herman M., Carl Fred-

Sophia Elizabeth Kanenbley

erick (Charley), Sophia Elizabeth and Harry Joseph — all born at the family home east of Florence.

Herman Kanenbley was born Jan. 13, 1890, and died Oct. 17, 1955, at the family farm. He is buried at Florence. Herman attended high school at Tipton, until his father's illness required him to operate the farm. He never married.

Carl Frederick Kanenbley was born Dec. 15, 1891, and died on Jan. 28, 1964 at Clinton, Mo., where he lived with his nephew, Charles Sanders. He is buried at Florence.

Sophia Elizabeth Kanenbley was born June 30, 1895, graduated from Lemler School, and on Dec. 16, 1917, married Walker Sanders at her parents' home. They lived northwest of Florence, on the Sanders farmstead, and had six children: Charles Harold, Otto Ray, Ruby Frances, Ellen, August Virginia and an infant who died shortly after birth. Sophia died Nov. 10, 1978 at Arkhaven Nursing Home, Warrensburg, Mo. Walker Sanders died of a heart attack on April 30, 1969. Both are buried at Highland Sacred Gardens, Sedalia.

Harry Joseph Kanenbley was born June 30, 1898, and married Alberdene Bramble on Dec. 26, 1931. They had three children: JoAnn, Charles Herman and Mary Frances, and lived south of the home place on the Klein farm. After Herman's death in 1955, Joseph's family moved to Thousand Oaks, Calif. He died Dec. 8, 1965, at Pilot Grove, Mo., after an automobile accident, and is buried at Highland Sacred Gardens, Sedalia.

Henry Kanenbley needed the help of his sons at the farm, as he suffered from asthma and later was confined to a wheelchair with a broken hip. He died on Jan. 18, 1917. His wife, Augusta, died on April 5, 1930. Both are buried at the Florence Cemetery.

His sons continued to operate the family farm for some time. They raised Hereford cattle, Spotted Poland hogs, Brown Leghorn chickens and sheep. They farmed with mules and horses, laid out and built their own terraces and maintained the soil carefully. They hauled grain to Syracuse by team and wagon and drove cattle to the Syracuse yards to be shipped to St. Louis. Hogs were hauled to market by wagon — later by truck — and were loaded early in hot weather. The Kanenbley brothers owned one of the early powered hay balers in the area.

Through the years, the brothers purchased additional farmland. The original Kanenbley farm stayed in the family until after Charley's death, then was sold by Joseph in 1966.

Henry and Augusta Kanenbley had six Sanders grandchildren, all born at the Sanders home. Charles Harold was born May 19, 1920; Otto Ray was born June 8, 1922, and died June 7, 1924 at St. Louis, Mo.; Ruby Frances (Mrs. Jack Nunn) was born April 9, 1924; Mara Lou (Mrs. Frank Yeckl) was born August 12, 1927; Ellen Augusta Virginia (Mrs. Jim C. Buffington) was born Oct. 8, 1929. Grandchildren from the Joseph Kanenbley family are Jo Ann, Charles Herman and Mary Frances. *by Mrs. Charles H. Sanders*

## DAVID LOAN KAUFFMAN

David Loan Kauffman's father, Jacob W., at the age of 12, came to Morgan County from Pennsylvania in 1872. His parents, David D. and Elizabeth Winey, settled on what is now the Leroy Gingerich farm. When Jacob married Effie Sanford the couple moved to the neighboring farm. Jacob was an active member of the community. Besides farming and mule-trading, he also served as county collector from 1898 to 1902. In 1912-1916 he was elected to represent the district in the Missouri Congress. Jacob and Effie had six children: Mary, Melva, John, David Loan, Dot, Corinne and adopted a son, Samuel.

David Loan and Mildred Kauffman, 50th. Wedding Anniversary 1967

David Loan was born on April 8, 1894. He attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg for two years and then attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas for one year. His father's death in 1917 forced him to return to Versailles to take over the family farm. In November of 1917 he married Mildred Estelle Price, of Versailles, daughter of Elwyn and Elizabeth McNair Price. Mildred had graduated from Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg and was teaching history and Latin at the Versailles High School at the time of their marriage. She continued to live in town to finish teaching through the school year and then joined Loan on the farm. Six children were born of this marriage: Wanda Elizabeth, David Loan, Ruth, Evelyn Sue, Dorothy Nadine, Mildred Price, and by adoption William Francis. Wanda Elizabeth was born January 3, 1919. She graduated from nurse's training at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis in 1941 and served in the Army Nurses Corps during World War II. In 1945 she married Wallace Mills of Chaffee, Missouri and from this union was born three children. Diana, now married to Brad Collins with two children, Chris and Mandee is now living in Marblehead, Texas; Alan, now deceased; and Rich, who is now residing in Plano, Texas. Elizabeth and Wallace now live in Bowie, Texas.

David Loan was born January 30, 1921. He attended the University of Missouri — Columbia, for three years, when his education was interrupted by World War II. He joined the Naval Air Corps in 1941 and died in a plane crash in 1942 while assigned to the USS Ranger.

Ruth was born on May 21, 1923. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with an M.D. degree. She returned to Versailles to practice medicine with the Gunn Clinic. Here she met and married William Glenn Johnson of Athens, Ohio (see Duff). Of this union was born five children:

Catherine Sue, now married to John Maxwell and residing in Akron, Ohio. Catherine and John have M.D. degrees from St. Louis University; Melissa Ann, now deceased; Mary Frances, a graduate of the University of Missouri — Columbia; Robert Glenn also a student at the University of Missouri — Columbia; and Carolyn Beth, now a sophomore at Versailles High School.

Evelyn Sue was born February 25, 1928. She attended the University of Missouri — Columbia, and received a degree in elementary education. She married Glen Smith of Los Angeles, California and they have three children: Jonathan Drew, Karen Elaine and David Glenn. The Smiths are now residing in Buena Park, California.

Dorothy was born on October 5, 1931. She received her nurses training at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. She is married to Gail Hughes, son of Met and Lorraine Hughes of Versailles. They have three children: Deborah, now married to Earl Englebrecht, has two children, Nicholas and Laura Spring. Stephen who is married to Ruth Allee, and Mary Kay, who is a graduate of the University of Missouri — Columbia. Dorothy and Gail now reside in California, Missouri.

Mildred Price was born April 8, 1934. She married Charles Kackley and of this marriage five children were born: Michael Eugene, Larry Wayne, Sue Ellen, Rebecca Gayle, and Charles David. Mildred is employed with the Post Office in Kansas City where she resides.

William Francis was born March 12, 1944. He attended the University of Missouri — Columbia and received his degree in psychology. He is married to Margaret Goddard of St. Louis. They have two children: Katherine Ruth and Juliette Lynn. The Kauffmans reside in St. Louis.

David Loan sold the Kauffman farm to Paul Hilty in 1969, after his wife died, and moved to Versailles. Besides 50 years in farming, he served with the Federal Land Bank for 35 years. During the depression he was appraiser for Federal feed and seed loans. *Ruth Kauffman Johnson*

## CHARLES WALLACE KAVANAUGH

Charles W. Kavanaugh migrated from Kentucky and settled in Moniteau county in 1834. He married Elizabeth Briscoe from Tennessee and of their six children, William Hilliard was born October 12, 1844, just North of Fortuna, Mo. (died Feb. 4, 1926). He married Nancy Arminda Chaney, born in 1850, died in 1920. They were married December 29, 1867 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1917. They lived most of their married life in Versailles, Mo.

William Hilliard, a Civil War Veteran, enlisted in the Confederate National Service in 1861. He fought under Generals Sterling Price, Beauregard, Braggs and Joseph E. Johnson. He was in the following Battles: Lexington, Elkhorn Tavern, Corinth Mississippi, Seige of Vicksburg, Campaign of Georgia, Franklin Tennessee and Fort Blakely Alabama. He was wounded twice and imprisoned three times. He was in service almost four years and not quite 21 years old when the war was over. In 1912 he wrote his memoirs of his Civil War years which was printed in the Versailles Statesman. After the war he was a Superintendent of the Confederate Home in Higginsville, Mo. and a Sheriff and Collector of Morgan County.

Charles Wallace (Charley) Kavanaugh, one of six children of William Hilliard and Nancy Arminda, was born January 1, 1875, died April 2, 1939. He married Josephine Zoe Lumpee in 1899. Josephine died in 1910. Their children were, Edwin Lorenzo, born in 1900, died in 1974 and John William, born in 1904, died in 1944.

Edwin Lorenzo, called Lo or Zo by friends, was a banker. He was cashier with the Stockyards Nat'l Bank, Kansas City, Mo. for 16 years, then cashier and Vice-President of the Osceola State Bank 10 years before becoming President of the Tri-County State Bank in ElDorado Springs, Mo. from which he retired in 1971. His wife, Virginia, lives in ElDorado Springs. Their two children are Charles William of Sonoro, Calif. whose children are; Daniel, Patrick, Chad and Sari, and John Robert of Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Charles W. Kavanaugh and Bea (Kinlock) Kavanaugh

Kavanaugh's Gravois Beach

John William (Jack) worked for the Missouri State Highway Department. He was married to Ruby Hunter and they had one child, Zo Frank, whose children are: Lisa and Chad. Jack and Ruby were life long residents of Morgan County. Ruby resides in Versailles.

Charles Wallace (Charley's) second marriage was to Nina Beatrice (Bea) Kinlock in 1913. Bea was born March 10, 1882, died June 3, 1964. They lived their first two years of marriage at the Martin Hotel. They had two children, Kathryn Wallace (Reusser) who resides in Prairie Village, Kansas and Natalie Ann (Collum) of Liberty, Mo. Kathryn's children are Carlotta Jane (Davis) and Teri Joan (Powell). The grandchildren are Tracy and Matthew Davis and Heath and Scott Powell, all reside in Johnson Co. Kansas. Natalie's children are John, Rodney, Rachel and Rebecca. Her Grandchildren are Melody and Jeremy Collum. All live in Liberty, Mo.

In the 1890's Charley was the cornet soloist in the "Silver Cornet Band" of 20 members, under the leadership of Louis Lumpee. He later was leader of the Town Band, which gave

concerts on the Courthouse Square on Saturday nights. In the 1920's he owned the movie theatre (silent films) where Bea played the piano for the background music for the picture. As a young man he went into the Real Estate business, was a Bonded Abstractor and the Versailles City Clerk for 25 years. He established and developed Kavanaugh's Gravois Beach Resort, located on the Little Gravois Creek Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks, one of the first resorts to be developed, and was a leading booster and exponent for developing the lake. *Kathryn Kavanaugh Reusser*

## DORIS T. KAYS

Doris Taswell Kays was born Jan. 5, 1894 at Gladstone, Mo. the son of Nannie Belle and Joseph Johnson Kays. He served in World War I in the Machine Gun Battalion. He was wounded in action in 1920. He operated a taxi in Versailles, Mo. His motto was "I work while you sleep".

Doris T. Kays

On July 5, 1922 he married Gladys Elsie Woodin, daughter of Dr. Elsie S. and Edward Kenneth Woodin. Doris and Gladys went to Denver, Colo. where he worked at Gates Rubber Co. and she took up the beauty trade.

In 1926, they moved to St. Louis, Mo. where he worked at Foley & Halquist as a die filer. Gladys continued the beauty profession. Doris decided to join Gladys in the beauty business and enrolled in beauty school. He graduated from Moler's Beauty College and he and his wife opened the Kays Beauty Salon at 18th Street and Cass Ave. in 1929. It was often referred to as "The Biggest Little Shop in St. Louis". They operated this shop in the same location until 1949. They had a second shop in Tower Grove that they operated at the same time they had the Kays Beauty Shop, but soon decided they would rather work together in only one shop.

In 1949 they moved to Versailles, where they purchased the old Kays home on E. Jasper St. They built a store one mile south of Gravois Mills and operated it for a while. In 1951, they moved to Jefferson City, Mo. where they opened the "Kays Beauty Salon" which they operated until Mr. Kays' death on Jan. 6, 1969. *by Gladys Kays*

## JOHN OLIVER KAYS

The first Kays came to this country from England or Wales. He was shipped, by his family, in a "goods box", for having been in on a conspiracy to behead the King of England. His wife followed a short time later, bringing their only possessions, the family Bible and a teapot. Somewhere in New York state, in 1800 they had a son, John Oliver.

John Oliver married Sally Kirkum in Pennsylvania and they started west. In 1820 in Indiana their first son, Nathan Worley, was born. Seven more children were added to the growing Kays family before reaching Missouri around 1841. They settled in Morgan County.

Nathan Worley married Miss Margaret Kelsay. Shortly after the birth of their first son, Nathan and two of his brothers,

The Kays Family
Truman, Hubert, Lucille, Elmo, Joseph, Hugh, Bertha, Harry and Norman

Hamilton and William Oliver decided to try their hands in the gold fields of California. In the last letter to his wife, from Coloma, Eldorado County, California, July 6, 1851 he said that they had traveled over a considerable portion of California, but all searches had been in vain. He intended to return to Missouri in the spring, then return to California with his family. He said he could make more in one year farming in California than he could in five years in Missouri. Prices of everything was high — eggs $2.00 a doz., chickens $75 to $100 a pair, hay $25 a ton — but living conditions in the mining camps were terrible. People lived more like hogs than human beings. Nathan never returned home. He died a short time later, of Mountain fever and was buried in California. Hamilton and Oliver returned safely.

William Oliver married Miss Sarah Combs. They had seven children, Richard, Sarah, Margaret, Elijah, Joseph, George and Martha. Upon his death he left 407 acres of land. He was buried in the Kays cemetery on the family farm, but was later moved to the Union Cemetery at Rocky Mount.

Joseph Warner married Miss Sarah Bond. He was a well known farmer and businessman in the Gravois Mills area. He and Sarah had three children, William Oliver, Hugh and Josephine. He died in 1959, at the age of 93, and is buried in the Ivy cemetery.

Hugh married Miss Lela Bonine. They lived on the Kays family farm near Gravois Mills where their six children, Lucille, Hubert, Elmo, Harry, Truman and Norman were born. When the Gravois Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks inundated much of the Kays farm, Hugh and his family moved to a farm north of Versailles. Lela died in 1940. In 1945 Hugh married Bertha McKinley Burkhart. They moved to Versailles in 1974, where he lived until his death in 1977. He is buried in the Freedom Cemetery.

Two of Hugh's children, Lucille (Mrs. Lyles Woolery) and Truman, and five grandchildren, Joe, Cindy, Hugh, Bill and Kevin Kays are Morgan County residents. Hugh had 20 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. They are the seventh generation descendants of the first Kays to settle in Morgan County. *Truman O. Kays*

## H.M. KEEVIL
## KEEVIL'S STORE

No history of Morgan County would be complete without mention of Keevil's Store in Syracuse. It was owned and operated by H.M. Keevil, a witty, kind-hearted, generous Irishman, with the help of his large family of sons and daughters. His was truly a *general* store. Carried in stock were groceries (not your pre-cooked, pre-packaged, ready-to-eat modern foods, but staples — flour, coffee beans, sugar, crackers, etc.,

much of it in bulk or in hundred pound sacks), dry goods, nails (in kegs), shoes, overalls, cookware, dishes — you name it, he was pretty sure to have it. In turn, he bought cream, eggs, butter, fence posts, poultry, or what have you.

After the death of H.M. Keevil, his son, Mara, operated the store many years.

Now that we have automobiles and paved highways, it is the day of the super market, the garage, and all the rest, but the old-time general store served well the people of the community in its time. *by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips*

## JOHN KELLY

John Kelly's father came to America from Ireland. He married Rebecca Bell, born June 2, 1795. They were the parents of at least four children — David, Hamilton, John, and Rebecca.

John and Rachel (Lytle) Kelly

John Kelly was born May 1, 1826 in Butler County, Pennsylvania. On November 30, 1848 he was married to Rachel Lytle who was born in the same county on December 5, 1827. Her father had come from Scotland.

The eight children of John and Rachel Kelly, all born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, were:

Rebecca Bell, (Sept. 12, 1849-Jan. 27, 1937) married Ben Smith; had a large family.

Mary Jane (Sept. 5, 1851-Oct. 14, 1862).

Thomas (July 26, 1853-June 13, 1911) married Kate Miller; had several children.

William V. (April 1, 1856-Sept. 24, 1956) married Clara Ross. Their children were: Mabel (Barr), Jessie (Feight), Minta (Abbott; Lawseker), Ethel (Kilbourne), John, James, and Delta (Robertson).

John F. (Aug. 29, 1858-April 5, 1911) married Ida Blosser; had one daughter, Flora.

James H. (July 28, 1861-Apr. 5, 1898) married Alpha Crocker; had two children, Silas and Grace.

Margaret Jane (June 4, 1864-Nov. 19, 1920) first married Frank Rastorfer; had two children, Rosa (Houser) and Frank. Married second — George Schenck.

Mary Ann (Feb. 4, 1867-Oct. 2, 1966). Married John B. Rastorfer; had four children, Maud Bell (Caywood); Charles Helms, Rachel Hazel (Cook), and James Ulysses.

In the early 1850's the Kellys' small daughter, Mary Jane, was abducted by a band of Gypsies as she played in the yard with her sister, Rebecca. Her father's pursuit resulted in her rescue from the Gypsies who were bestowing much love and attention on her.

John Kelly worked in the mercantile business in Millerstown, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and some of his sons worked in the oil fields in that area before coming to Missouri, about 1884, with their five youngest children, including William who was married. Rebecca and Thomas were married and remained in Pennsylvania. Mary Jane had died there after contracting diphtheria, believed to have been carried into the home by a stranger who had sought overnight shelter with them, and who eventually told them he had just lost a child with that disease.

They were probably influenced to move to Morgan County because John Kelly's sister Rebecca and her husband, Abner Walters, and their children, Cas, George, Alvina, and Julia, had already come to Versailles where Abner operated a draying business.

The Kellys purchased a farm in south Morgan County, the place presently known as the Frank Rastorfer farm on Route 0, where John and Rachel spent their remaining years. The son William located his family in Versailles and later moved to Idaho.

Evidently a higher standard of home conveniences, not found in the rural midwest, was common even in small towns in the East. For example, the Kellys had water in their Pennsylvania home which they were never to have in their rural Missouri home. The women especially felt a disappointment in this as they carried water, first from springs, and later from wells.

John and Rachel Kelly were faithful members of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Rachel died September 9, 1905. John died September 25, 1907. They are buried in the Silvey Cemetery. *by Mrs. James U. Rastorfer*

## WARD E. KERR

Travelers on the Versailles and Glensted Road between 1941 and 1972, became acquainted with the Kerr farm. Before 1941 this farm, which was one mile south of Glensted, was owned by Oscar Scott. Ward Kerr and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kerr, moved to Morgan County in 1941 from Pulaski County. Fort Leonard Wood took 67,000 acres of Pulaski County including the Kerr farm, and those affected were ordered to move by July 4, 1941.

The grandfather of Ward Kerr, W.C. Kerr, a mill wright, emigrated from Canada to Pulaski County and built Kerr's flour mill in the 1880's. The mill was located on Roubidoux Creek, which flows through Fort Leonard Wood and on which the Kerrs owned land.

At the time the Kerrs were being forced to move in 1941, word was circulating that land might be available in Morgan County. Before long the Kerrs heard of a farm for sale on the Moreau Creek. The farm was owned by the Providential Life Insurance Company, having been acquired by them in foreclosure proceedings; it had been for sale a number of years, but it appealed to the Kerrs who had been living on a creek farm.

For the first few months of their stay in Morgan County, the Kerr family lived with the blacksmith, E.C. Spaulding, in Glensted until gaining possession of their new farm. In the latter part of 1941 or early part of 1942, Ward Kerr and his parents moved to the farm, which was a mile south of Glensted.

Before long the Kerrs had a cow to stray; Ed Kerr and his son made inquiry about the cow a mile and a quarter east of their farm. That would be the first time Alma Lavina Daniels would ever see Ward Eugene Kerr. It would be a time she would recall many times, many years later. Soon a street fair was held in Versailles and the Kerrs attended. There Ward Kerr was introduced to Alma Daniels for the first time. He had been watching Charley Daniels show mules at the fair, so the first question he asked Alma was if Charley were her husband. Ward would recall Alma's answer with fond memories through the years as his family set around a wood stove on cold winter evenings or in the yard on warm summer evenings.

Ward and Alma were married on January 17, 1944, by Reverend E.B. Wood in Otterville, Missouri; Alma was the daughter of Thomas J. Daniels and Mary Murray Daniels. For the first year of their married life, Ward and Alma lived

on a 45-acre farm just east of the 140-acre farm he and his father purchased together in 1941. A 10 lb. 2 oz. son, Tommy Edward, was born to them June 27, 1945. The health of Edward C. Kerr began to deteriorate, and in August of 1945, Ward and Alma sold their little farm and moved to the home of his father.

On December 24, 1945, Edward C. Kerr died and was buried near Waynesville, Missouri. Ward's mother, Sarah, lived in or near Glensted until she died in January of 1964, and was buried beside her husband.

A daughter, Donna Jean, joined the Ward Kerr family July 16, 1946. Even before he came to Morgan County, Ward Kerr had enjoyed working off the farm with his team of mules. Once in Morgan County, Ward was soon mowing the Rock Island railroad right of way in summer, and plowing gardens in Versailles, in the fall and spring.

Ward always liked cattle, but the cattle he and his father brought with them from Pulaski County were of low quality. When the opportunity came to buy a registered Polled Hereford bull, which was the herd bull of the late Tom Sims, Ward purchased that bull. *by Tom Kerr*

## ANNA KIDWELL

In 1844 William Kidwell came to Versailles and started what is now the oldest business establishment in Versailles known as Kidwell's. He built coffins and later the monument work was added. He also built fine furniture still priceless heirlooms with many families in central Missouri.

Anna Kidwell

William and Mary Madole Kidwell settled south of Versailles at Millville. They had a son Joseph (Joe) who married Mattie Sullens, an orphan raised by her aunt, Mrs. William Forster, who was the mother of Leslie Forster well-known resident in this community and now deceased.

Joe and Mattie had seven children: Anna, Mary (Wilson), Dave, (married Pearl Wilson), Ada (Alexander), Effie (DeLong), Will who married Thelma Ensminger, and Ruth who married Ralph Gray.

Miss Anna Kidwell (born 13 June 1893) was a school teacher for 50 years, teaching in several schools all over Morgan County. She taught several generations of young Missourians and it was not uncommon for a grandfather, a father, and a son of the same family to have been taught by Miss Kidwell. She was a member of the Methodist church, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Morgan County Historical Society. She died May 24, 1973 at the age of 79 years. *Pauline Hunter*

## JOSHUA KIDWELL

Rev. John Kidwell (born Mar. 17, 1765, died 1846) was pastor of Kidwell Ridge Baptist Church in Granger County, Tennessee. This church is still in use today. John and his wife Nancy had five daughters and their sons were: John Jr., David, Joshua, and William.

Great-grandfather William Kidwell (born Feb. 10, 1811 in Tennessee, died Dec. 12, 1875 in Morgan County) married (June 16, 1842) Mary C. Madole (born Jan. 9, 1823 in Kentucky, died Aug. 12, 1863) a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Ross Madole. Their children were: Samuel, David, Sarah (McFarland), James L., William, Albert, Joshua, and Josiah. William A. was an undertaker in Morgan County and he and wife Mary are buried in Ivy Cemetery south of Versailles.

Grandfather Joshua Kidwell (born Feb. 9, 1858 in Morgan County, died Sept. 5, 1925) was a carpenter and helped build houses, churches, and the two old schoolhouses in Versailles now occupied by the Nutrition Site and the Junior High School. He married (Aug. 18, 1886) Mary E. O'Bryan (born Feb. 15, 1869 in Morgan County, died Nov. 29, 1907 in Fredrick, Oklahoma) a daughter of Turner D. and Laura O'-Bryan. Their children are: Turner, Sally, Samuel E., Fanny, Albert, Ethel, Robert J., and Clyde.

Samuel E. Kidwell was born Jan. 29, 1891 and died Feb. 3, 1950 at Versailles. In the early 1900's, with his father and brothers, he built the Rock Island Railroad depots from Eldon to Chillhowee, Mo. They stayed at the hotel in Leeton run by James M. and Ida Anthony Freeman and daughter Laura, born Oct. 14, 1895 in Johnson County, died Jul. 10, 1973 in Versailles. Samuel married Laura at Leeton Nov. 13, 1913. To them were born: Joshua T., Freeman, and Gladys F. (Cable).

Joshua T. Kidwell was born Mar. 24, 1915, served in World War II for four years and married Ethel B. Thompson June 8, 1946. They have five children: Rebecca A. born June 25, 1948 and married on June 7, 1970, John Huber, born Nov. 25, 1942. Rebecca is an army nurse serving in Korea; Samuel J. born July 11, 1949, married Louise Kraft (born Apr. 3, 1954), is a carpenter and lives in Kansas City; John J. (born Nov. 6, 1950) lives in Independence. Robin J. (born Mar. 23, 1953) married Karen Cutton (born Nov. 4, 1956) and is an automation mechanic in Kansas City. Rex (born Mar. 28, 1957) is a carpenter and lives at home. *J.T. Kidwell*

## DAVID EVERETT KIDWELL

David Everett Kidwell was born near Proctor, the son of Joseph and Mattie Sullins Kidwell. Except for a few years spent in the state of California and Kansas City, he spent his entire life farming in Morgan Co. In 1926, he married Pearl Lee Willson who was also born near Proctor in 1906. To this union three children were born.

Robert Emmett Kidwell who married Arleen G. Sims and lived on a farm north of Versailles until his death in 1978.

Joeanna Hancock of Dayton, Ohio whose husband is an electrical engineer.

David Lee Kidwell was born near Versailles on Feb. 2, 1934, the son of David and Pearl Willson Kidwell. He has lived his entire life in Morgan County, first farming then working for Versailles Special Road Dist. He is now chairman of this road district board and the president of the rural fire department. He is also an active member of the Kiwanis club. In 1953, he married Paddy Morris who has taught schools in Morgan county since 1952. They had one son, William David who married Joan Sims of Windsor in 1976. "Bill" has worked for Gerbes Supermarkets since 1971 and at this writing is the produce manager of the Versailles store.

## JOSEPH JOHNSON KAYS

Joseph Johnson Kays (b. Dec. 21, 1866-d. Feb. 14, 1936) was the son of Hamilton and Lucy Woody Kays. He married Nannie Belle Cotton, (b. Sept. 6, 1868-d. Dec. 13, 1942) on Feb. 25, 1888. She was the daughter of Gabriel and Adeline Neiley Cotton.

The children of Joseph and Nannie Kays were Charlie Prior, (b. Nov. 24, 1888-d. Dec. 24, 1966); Josie Mayfield, (b. Mar. 24, 1890-d. July 19, 1963); George Hamilton, (b. Feb. 3, 1892-d. 1925); Doris Tazewell, (b. Jan. 5, 1894-d. Jan. 6, 1969); Guido Fleetwood (b. Mar. 3, 1896-d. Nov. 23, 1956); Grace Adeline, (b. Jan. 23, 1898), Gabriel Montrose (Bunnie), (b.

The Kays Family

LeMoyne and Lucille
*2nd. row:* Helen, George, Joseph (father), Nannie Belle (mother) Charlie, Olive; *3rd. row:* Gabriel, Grace, Guido, Josie, Doris and Latham.

Mar. 12, 1900-d. Feb. 28, 1963; Joseph Henry Latham Ralph (Doc), (b. June 16, 1903-d. Feb. 21, 1978); Lavonia Helen Belle (b. Jan. 12, 1906); Eula Stella Olive Clara Clyde (b. Feb. 1, 1908); Cecil Leta Lucile (b. Sept. 13, 1909); Emily Pauline Lemoyne, (b. May 4, 1912).

Joe and Nannie Kays lived in Gladstone, Mo., now covered by the Lake of the Ozarks, where their twelve children were born. In 1916 the Kays family moved to Versailles, Mo. into the George Ide home, which they bought, with five acres of pastureland at the foot of East Jasper Street. In 1929 the two-story white frame house burned and a brick home now standing at the site was erected.

Seven of the twelve children are now deceased. Five girls who survive are Helen Gilgus, Kansas City and Grace (Mitchell) Hardy, Olive Townsley, Lucille Petty and LeMoyne Heidt, all of Jefferson City, Mo.

Gabriel Cotton, father of Nannie Belle Cotton Kays, died in 1870 when Nannie was two years old. Adeline Neiley Cotton, died in 1911. Biographical data of the maternal side of the Kays family is sketchy. However, it seems some members of the Kays and Woody families kept diaries of family history.

Henry Woody, father of Lucy Woody Kays, and grandfather of Joseph Johnson Kays, was born about 1800 at Rocky Mount, Franklin County, Virginia. His forefathers came from England and settled in the tobacco producing belt of colonial Virginia. Several generations of the Woody's engaged in the production and manufacture of tobacco. Young Henry Woody married Catherine Hughes, daughter of Reese Hughes, Irish master of an adjoining plantation. The Hughes' owned large numbers of slaves, some of whom came with Henry and Catherine when, in 1833, with their children, Sparrell, Lucy, Sally, Mary, John and Tazewell, they migrated to Calloway County, Mo. and later to Osage County, some fourteen miles due east of Jefferson City. There the Woody's and their slaves established a plantation and continued to produce tobacco.

Tazewell Woody, youngest of Henry's six children, spent the major portion of his life in and around the Bad Lands of Wyoming and the Shoshone Mountains. He was guide for the late President Theodore Roosevelt on many famous hunting expeditions. Pictures of Pres. Roosevelt and Tazewell appear in the president's books.

Sparrell Walter Woody (b. Mar. 10, 1828-Sept. 2, 1910), eldest son of Henry's children recalled in his memoirs that in 1835, when he was seven years old, Halley's comet made its appearance, and how, amidst the wailing slaves, his colored mammy held him close, whispering words of consolation. Seventy-five years later, in 1910, he once again beheld this cosmic wonder as the comet made its second appearance.

Dr. Sparrell Walter Woody, for whom the city of Woody, Calif., was named, was graduated from the School of Medicine, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. in 1848. After practicing medicine in Missouri for a while the gold rush of 1849 drew him. He recorded that in April that year there were 20,000 persons waiting on the banks of the Missouri River ready to press on as soon as the trails were clear of snow and the grass was high enough to feed the stock. He recalls that 469 wagons were counted on one nine-mile stretch of Missouri trail.

Hamilton Kays, (b. 1823-d. 1869) of Morgan County, Mo., who married Lucy Woody, daughter of Henry Woody, and the father of Joseph Johnson Kays, was also lured by the '49ers. He was accompanied by his brothers, Oliver and Nathan, whose wife, Margaret and small son, John H., remained in Morgan County. Nathan wrote his wife July 6, 1851 from El Dorado county, Calif. the last communication with her. He died soon after of mountain fever.

Hamilton Kays and Lucy Woody were married in 1852. Their children were Belle, Magruder and Joseph Johnson Kays. *by LeMoyne Kays Heidt*

## THOMAS NEWTON KEETH

Thomas Newton Keeth was born Jan. 27, 1875, son of James Harrison and Louisa Killan Keeth of West Plains.

Thomas Newton Keeth and wife, Lenora

Louisa Keeth died in 1878, leaving her husband with two sons, Thomas Newton and Steve.

Thomas Newton (Tom) was a machinist and stock dealer and traveled a lot. When he was 33 years old he went to Ibera, Miller County, Mo. where he met Lenora Whittle (b. Jan. 6, 1883) whom he married Dec. 9, 1907. They were married at the home of the bride's parents, James and Mary Ann Whittle, by Rev. Louis D. Moneymaker. The newlyweds went into the home Tom had partly furnished on the 110-acres of ground he had bought.

Their first child was Lewis Clinton, born Oct. 26, 1908. He married June Mabel Duncan of Arkansas on June 11, 1934 and they had two sons, Gary Lewis, born Nov. 13, 1936 at Rolla, Mo. and Richard Clinton, born Dec. 17, 1941 at Tucson, Arizona. Gary Lewis married Myra DeHaven of California. (Their children are Gary DeHaven born May 1, 1962, Michael Ewing, born Oct. 2, 1967, and Myra Raidy, born Oct. 10, 1968.

Richard Clinton married and has three children, Richard Clinton, Jr. born Aug. 21, 1964, William Paul, born July 11, 1966, and Carrie Shea, born Aug. 20, 1968. They all live in Arizona. June Duncan Keeth died.

The second child of Thomas Newton and Lenora Keeth was Lela Fern, born Sept. 14, 1910. She married John Barnard Dreier, son of Christian and Johanna Dreier June 3, 1934. Their son is John Michael, born Sept. 1, 1936, who married Pat Owens. (Their children are Stacy, born May 13, 1966 and Leslie, born Aug. 24, 1968.) The Dreiers all live in Pueblo, Colo.

Mary Ruby Keeth, third child of Thomas and Lenora, was born Nov. 11, 1913. She married Harold Groves on Aug. 5, 1933. They have one daughter, Janet Gwendolyn, who married Duane J. Lower Jan. 8, 1955 at Tucson, Ariz. (Their children: Karen Sue, born Dec. 2, 1957, Gary Keith, born Aug. 1, 1959 and DeAnn, born July 26, 1961.) All live in the state of California.

Lester Steven Keeth, youngest son of Thomas and Lenora, was born July 26, 1919. He married Opal Sisk on Nov. 30, 1952. They have no children and live at Pueblo, Colo.

Thomas Keeth died of a heart attack in Pueblo, Colo. on June 23, 1960, and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery south of Iberia, Mo. *by Lenora Whittle Keeth*

## JOSEPH KEITH

Andrew Freeman Keith, at the age of 6, came to Morgan County in 1905 with his family, traveling by rail from Tammel, Va. to St. Louis then by Rock Island to Barnett, Mo. arriving on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26.

The family was made up of his parents, Joseph and Bell Keith, two sisters, Martha and Virna, two brothers, William and Alton. The grandparents were Hiram and Elizabeth Keith. Uncles and aunts were D.C. Waddell and wife, Mary, and daughter, Mary, Jess and Maggie Keith and son, Arthur, Si and Mandie Hicks and children, Hugh, Kanie, Lesta and Ruth.

A poor harvest caused them to come to Missouri from Virginia and they homesteaded on a farm northeast of Barnett, Mo. owned by D.M. English. Hiram Keith bought the farm.

Grandfather and father raised mules and hogs. The Keith children attended Rock Island school and church at Big Rock Baptist Church. Andrew dropped out of school to help with the farming.

After the parents moved to Missouri three more children were born, to Joseph and Bell Keith, Alpha, Grace and Ray Lee. Father died in 1924. In 1926, Andrew, along with his mother, brothers and sisters, moved from the farm to Bunceton, Mo. then to Versailles, Mo. in 1927. Andrew got to hauling ties for a mercantile in Versailles. Four tie haulers were Ann Thurston, Tom Dooley, Hugh Hicks and Andrew Keith.

Andrew Freeman Keith married Catherine Collins and they live on Rt. 1, Stover, Mo. Andrew, now a retired carpenter, has one cousin, Lesta Hicks Adams of New Mexico, the only one living that came to Missouri from Virginia in 1905. All of the Keith children are dead but one sister, Alpha Keith Riggs of Kansas City.

All of the family are buried in Big Rock Cemetery except one sister, Grace, who is buried in Winterset, Ia.

## JOHN KELSAY

James and Jane Kelsay moved from Monroe County, Ky. in 1825 and settled in Cooper County, Mo. on the upper reaches of Burris Creek area, which area became Morgan County, Mo. Jan. 5, 1833, located five miles southeast of present Versailles in Sec. 30, Twp. 43, Rnge. 16 West of present Moreau Township of Morgan County. With James and Jane Kelsay came their children, Samuel and Margaret (Bailey) Kelsay and two daughters, Jane and Agnes, both born in Kentucky; later additional children born in Missouri, James, Samuel and Martha Kelsay.

James Robert Kelsay

William and Jane (Bailey) Kelsay and their son, James Johnson Kelsay, born in Kentucky and later children, born in Missouri Samuel, Mary, Moses, Lafayette, Hugh, George, Margaret, Jane, Ann, Martha, William (Stingy Bill) and John W. Kelsay.

Mary Jane (Kelsay) Brown and husband, Willis Burton Brown, and their children, Malinda, Allen, Julia, James Monroe, Cyrus Caldwell and Mary Jane Brown, all born in Kentucky, later children born in Missouri, Willis, Lucinda, John

Jackson, Delia, George Washington, Moses and Nancy Virginia Brown.

Elizabeth (Kelsay) Hogg and husband, William Hoff, Sr. and their children, John, Reuben and Mary Jane Hogg, all born in Kentucky, later children born in Missouri, Joseph and William, Jr., Ann (Kelsay) Brown, widow of Burton Brown.

James and Jane Kelsay's unmarried children, who were later married in Missouri, Mary "Polly", Martha, Margaret, Isabelle, Hugh, Sarah and Nancy Kelsay.

John Kelsay, aged Revolutionary soldier, moved from Wayne County, Ky. and settled within a mile of the James Kelsay settlement in 1829, and, with John, came his son, Alexander James Davis Kelsay and his wife, Jane (Kelly) Kelsay, and their children, John, James and William Kelsay, all born in Kentucky. Later children born in Missouri were Nancy, Elias and Mary Matilda Ann ("Tillie") Kelsay.

With John Kelsay, came his spinster sister-in-law, Isabelle Anderson and John's daughter, Margaret "Peggy" (Kelsay) Manes and her husband, James Manes and two children born in Kentucky, Elizabeth and Lewis Manes.

In the year of 1835 Hugh Band Kelsay and his wife, Julia Ann (Wilson) moved from Barren County, Ky. and settled in Sec. 5, Twp. 41 north, Rnge. 16 West of Morgan County, Mo. on land adjoining the Stover Coal Bank on the east on Indian Creek. With Hugh Band and Julia Ann came their children, John, William, Isabelle, Margaret, Mahalia, Mary, Nancy Jane "Jennie", Hugh B., Jr., Roseann and Samuel Kelsay.

Elizabeth (Kelsay) Combs and husband, Azur Combs, moved from Allen County, Ky. and settled near her father, Hugh Band Kelsay, on Indian Creek in Morgan County in 1841 with two small children, Sarah Elizabeth and Isaac. Later children born in Missouri were Hugh Brown Combs, Isabelle Combs, Thomas Combs and Isaac Combs.

Most land holdings were purchased from the Federal Land Office in Fayette in Howard County, Mo. for $1.50 per acre.

The Kelsay family cemetery was located on a part of James and Jane Kelsay's land and many Kelsay pioneers are buried there, including the Revolutionary soldier, John, who died Oct. 1830 at age 85. *by Carl G. Kelsay*

## GUY W. KIDWELL

The family of Guy and Cora Kidwell have a rich heritage in Morgan County, Missouri. Their family roots go back to 1836.

Lizzie Kidwell

The first to arrive in Morgan County was William Kidwell, who came from Tennessee to Morgan County in 1836. He settled on Gravois Creek, five miles southeast of Versailles at Millville and started a furniture and coffin business. His wife, Mary C. Madole's parents, Samuel and Sara Ross Madole, are listed in the 1840 Morgan County census.

Guy Kidwell's mother, Nancy Elizabeth Phillips, was born in Morgan County in 1849. There are folk who still remember going to school to her, as she taught for thirty years in Morgan and adjoining counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kidwell

Her parents Hiram Russell and Emily Phillips and Hiram's father and mother, John and Nancy Phillips are all listed in the 1840 Morgan County census. *Guy W. Kidwell*

## WILLIAM MILTON KIDWELL

William Milton Kidwell was born in Virginia, September 28, 1849. He married Rosamond Harrison and they lived on 80 acres of heavy timberland in the Hopewell Community. William cleared the land with a chopping ax and cross cut saw. He cut and hewed the logs for a one room house. Later he built another house, consisting of four rooms, about one hundred yards East of the first one. Their children were: Margret Jane, Mary Ellen, Laura Alice, Rosa Bell, William Franklin, Sarah Elizabeth, Joseph Zachariah, an infant daughter, Ida Virginia, Henry Milton, and John Shurman.

William's second wife was Mary Elizabeth Daniels, who had previously been married to Gilbert Warner. The daughter of Mary and Gilbert was Gertrude Viola. She married Rudolph Widowski and their children are Melvin Darrel and Verne. Darrel lives near Barnett, Mo., and is married to Lelia Darlene Dowell. Verne is married, lives in Garland, Texas, and has five children.

William and Mary bought an additional twenty acres of land, making access to the main road more feasible. William always had from 25 to 35 stands of bees and honey was a vital part of each meal. The children of William and Mary are: Eunice Christina, Dora Florence, Willie Beatrice and Stanley Herschel.

Eunice married Hugh Crutchfield and lived in California. They were the parents of one daughter, Jean. Jean married Charley Smith, and lives in California. They have two daughters, Lynda and Sue.

Florence married Isaac Abraham Wenger and their children are Ila Erin, Letha Maxine, and Isaac Armin (I.A.). Ike died August 30, 1975, and Florence still lives in Versailles. Ila married Elvin Hutchison and lived the greater part of her life in Morgan County. She died of leukemia on March 2, 1974. Letha married Charles K. Carson of Wyoming. Their only child is Lana Kit. Lana lives in Texas, is married to Dennis Brown and has two sons, Kevin and Corey. I.A. married Shirley Scrivner and they live in Versailles. They are the parents of a daughter, Teri Gayle. Teri also lives in Versailles, is married to David L. Nations, and has a daughter, Kimberly Erin.

Willie married Charlie Henderson and their children are: Erma Gene, who died in infancy, and Hassel Ivan. Willie died September 13, 1948. Charley now lives near Latham, Mo.

Hassel married Gene Louise Gerber, and they live on a farm near Latham, Mo. Their children are Connie Jean and Mary Ann. Connie married John H. Beapler, and has two sons, Mark Andrew and John Michael. Mary Ann graduated with a Masters's Degree from CMSU and is librarian at the school at High Point, Mo.

Stanley married Mary Blanche Collins and they were the parents of a daughter, Sharon Kay. Mary Blanche and Sharon Kay both died August 12, 1947. On October 1, 1950 Stanley married Myrtle Elizabeth Gerlt. Stanley and Myrtle continued to live on the family farm, in the same house where Stanley was born, until his death on March 1, 1973. Myrtle then sold the farm and moved to Versailles where she now lives. *Myrtle Kidwell, I.A. and Shirley Wenger*

## ROBERT KIDWELL

The late Robert E. Kidwell resided north of Versailles, Mo. on the place that was owned by the grandparents of his wife, the late Harvey E. and Mary Ellen (Daniels) Sims.

Robert E. Kidwell married Arleen G. Sims, daughter of Aubrey J. and Gorda Morris Sims, who were born in a log house and are lifelong residents of Morgan County, Mo. She attended Walnut Grove and Ball schools and was graduated from Versailles High School and Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg, Mo. She taught at Lone Oak, Harmony, Glensted, Akinsville, Bethel, Ball, Walnut Grove and Morgan County R-II schools, a total of 32 regular terms and five terms of summer school.

Robert Emmett Kidwell, son of the late Dave and Pearl Willson Kidwell was a stockman and farmer. He served in the Korean War. On Mar. 28, 1937 he joined the United Methodist Church at Versailles, Mo.

Surviving are a brother, David Lee Kidwell, Versailles, and a sister, Mrs. Sam (JoAnne) Hancock, of Dayton, Ohio.

Robert E. Kidwell attended the Versailles schools. His grandparents were Ben F. and Maggie Earnest Willson and Joseph B. and Mattie Sullens Kidwell of Versailles. His kin represented pioneer families in Morgan County. Kidwell's came in 1836, Wilson's in 1837 and Madole's came in 1838.

His wife, Arleen G., joined the Niangua Chapter of the D.A.R. and served on the Good Citizen Committee. She is a Senior Patron of the Ha Ha Tonka Chapter C.A.R. and a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association; K.C. branch of Needlework Guild; Community Teachers Assn.; Versailles United Methodist Church; American Legion Auxiliary; life member Morgan County Historical Society; life member of the State Historical Society in Columbia. In 1954 copyrighted the book, "Morgan County, Mo. Inscriptions," by Kidwell and Yarnell.

## JOHN KIDWELL

The first Kidwell to arrive in the United States, believed to have been born in Wales about 1730, was in the Virginia prerevolutionary war; thence to Rowan County, N.C. and to Tennessee about 1770.

His son, Rev. John Kidwell, was born 1765 in the United States and died 1846 in Grainger County, Tenn. He was a Baptist circuit rider and established the Kidwell Ridge Baptist Church at Morristown, Tenn. He and his wife, Mary, were parents of nine children, one of whom was William A. Kidwell.

William A. (born Feb. 10, 1811-died Dec. 12, 1875) buried in Ivy Cemetery Morgan County, Mo. came to Morgan County in 1836 and established a furniture making business at Millville, first county seat of Morgan County.

In 1842 he married Mary Caroline Madole (b. Jan. 9, 1823-d. Aug. 12, 1863) buried in Ivy Cemetery, whose parents, Samuel and Sarah Madole, settled in Morgan County in 1830.

In 1844 William A. and family moved to Versailles, Mo. where he continued to make furniture and wood coffins.

Their children were John, Samuel, David, (who continued in the furniture business and passed it on to his son, William F.), Nancy Jane, Sarah, James Layatta, William Albert, Joshua and Josiah.

Joshua Kidwell

Elizabeth O'Bryan Kidwell

Joshua (b. Feb. 9, 1858-d. Sept. 5, 1925) married Mary Elizabeth O'Bryan (b. Feb. 15, 1869-d. Nov. 29, 1907) daughter of Turner C. and Laura Greene O'Bryan, 1886. At the turn of the century he sold his interest in the furniture business and homesteaded near Frederick, Okla. In 1907, when a typhoid epidemic swept through the community, Mary Elizabeth and a son-in-law, Luther Prentice, died. Joshua brought his motherless children back to Versailles, Mo. to rear. He was a builder and many of his buildings are still in use in Versailles. He died 1925, buried in Versailles Cemetery. He and Elizabeth had nine children:

Turner W. (b. July 6, 1887-d. Mar. 13, 1938) married Sarah Cooper. He served in World War I and was a rural mail carrier in Morgan County many years. Children are William Turner, Otterville, Mo.; Mary White, Kansas City; Betty McBride, Houston, Texas; Dwain Kidwell, Kansas City,

Sallie E. Prentice Lewis (b. Feb. 27. 1889-d. Feb. 26, 1935). Children, Hazel and Margaret.

Samuel Earl (b. Jan. 29, 1891-d. Feb. 3, 1950) was a carpenter. He and brother, Ab, established and operated Ozark Bracket Factory south of Versailles many years. Married Laura Freeman. Children, Joshua, Kansas City; Gladys Cable, Versailles; Freeman (Pete), Claremont, Calif.

Fannie E. Kidwell (b. Jan. 28, 1895-d. Sept. 18, 1895)

David Albert (Ab), (b. June 2, 1899-d. Mar. 26, 1950). Was a carpenter and co-owner of Ozark Bracket Factory. Married Betty Scott. Children, Dorothy Jean Crowson, Kansas City, and David Dale, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ethel Elizabeth (b. 1902-d. Oct. 13, 1971) Married Alex Wise. One son, Wendell, Oak Grove, Mo. Married Frank Munson. Children, Wayne, of Higginsville, Mo., Donald of Kansas City and Arlene.

Robert J. (b. May 4, 1904-d. Mar. 27, 1947) Never married. Assisted brothers at bracket factory.

Clyde James (b. Nov. 13, 1906-d. Feb. 13, 1965) Was a printer all his life for Versailles Leader, later Leader-Statesman. His avocation was fishing and he was one of the best. Married Vera Olive Webster, of Gravois Mills. One child, Lu Alice Real, Sedalia, who has two children, Sally Wells of Sedalia and Susan Buckley of Independence, Mo. One grandchild, Trey Buckley. *by Lu Alice Kidwell Real*

## JOHN WILLIAM KLEIN

John William Klein was born May 16, 1842 at Nevid Germany. In 1851 John came to America and settled on a farm in Morgan county east of Florence, Missouri. He married Marie Meirs on January 30, 1864. They lived out their lives near Florence. She died on November 5, 1899. John William Klein

passed away on April 11, 1919. They had thirteen children. They are buried in Ebeneezer Cemetery.

Fredrick William Klein, their third child, was born February 25, 1868. He was married to Mattie Dora Grace Wohlbeck on March 25, 1894. They had four children; Alta, Walter, Gertrude, Alverta. Mattie died November 25, 1906. Fredrick remarried September 28, 1909 to Altha Forrest Thixton. They had seven children; Elmer, Zella, Ruby Lee, Leonard, Nadine, Berniece, and Harold Wray. Fredrick Klein bought a farm at Syracuse around 1918. After his death on May 16, 1940 the farm was sold to buyers outside of the family. Altha died September 3, 1978.

Walter Jessie Klein, born May 19, 1898, was married to Minerva Lillian Maloney on December 29, 1920. Two sons were born to this union; Warren and Gerald. Walter and Minerva (Babe) have lived near Syracuse all of their lives and Walter has been engaged in farming. In 1955 the farm was again purchased by Walter and his two sons. In 1973, Walter and Warren sold their shares to Gerald. Walter died March 8, 1979.

Warren Leslie Klein, born March 31, 1922, was married to Margaret Watring on January 25, 1946. They had seven children; Karen, Marcia, Kurt, Kent, Kelly, Kevin and Kyle.

Gerald Walter Klein, born November 21, 1924, was married to Rosa Lee Wybrant on March 11, 1951. To them were born two daughters; Jerri Lynn born October 25, 1957, and Jane Ellen born March 20, 1961. Jerri is a junior at Central Missouri State University and Jane is a senior at Tipton High School. Gerald is engaged in farming and he and his family reside on the farm which has belonged to the Klein family for many decades. *by Jerri Lynn Klein*

## WILLIAM F. KIDWELL, SR.

William F. Kidwell, Sr., b. Feb. 10, 1811-d. 1875, came to Morgan County in 1836 and settled on the Gravois Creek five miles southeast of present Versailles near the first county seat, Millville. There he made coffins and furniture from the large walnut trees that grew in abundance there. He used wooden hinges and pegs to make his furniture and the coffins that were made to order. He married Mary C. Madole, b. Jan. 9, 1823-d. Aug. 12, 1863.

William F. Kidwell

In 1844 he moved to Versailles and continued in the coffin and furniture business on North Monroe street where the present Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home is located.

William F. and Mary Madole Kidwell were buried in Ivy Cemetery at Gravois Beach. He was the first undertaker in Morgan County.

He had a son, David, b. Jan. 28, 1849-d. Feb. 2, 1903, who married Annie E. Forster, b. 1869-d. 1907.

Their son, William F. Kidwell, II, b. 1889-d. 1958, married Mary Vogt, b. 1879-d. 1968, who was from Traer, Ia. They met while she was working as a registered nurse in Kansas City and he was attending Williams Institute of Mortuary Science there. They had a stillborn daughter in 1918 and a son, Bill, b. 1920-d. 1924. They raised an adopted son, Raymond.

William F. Kidwell took over the funeral business in Versailles in 1915 upon his graduation from embalming school. After a few years he dropped the furniture business and concentrated on the funeral business and selling caskets. He first had a horse-drawn hearse with a high driver's seat, resembling a stagecoach. The horses wore black plumes on their harness as a symbol of mourning. Very little embalming was done in those days because people didn't believe in it. The dead were buried the day after they died, after a coffin was made for them. When embalming was done, it was done in the homes and a neighbor woman usually assisted Mr. Kidwell.

In 1919 Mr. Kidwell put into use the first auto hearse in Versailles. The late George Elley and Jess Crow had the contracts for driving during the horse-drawn hearse days.

William F. Kidwell was elected mayor of Versailles in 1920 and it was during his mayorship that city water and sewer was put into Versailles in 1922.

Mr. Kidwell, who was known by most people as "Bill", added the monument works to his funeral business in 1930 and in 1942 he added the Wilbert Burial Vault manufacture. He was a charter member of the Versailles Cemetery Association and a member of the Versailles Chamber of Commerce.

He knew the genealogy of almost every family in Morgan County and could call most by their first names. He was well known for his generosity in civic affairs, to the churches and to the poor.

Upon his death the business passed on, according to his will, to the eleven employees of Kidwell's, Inc. with controlling interest going to Gene Bartram, Raymond Garber and Marion Silvey. Bartram and Silvey sold their interests in the business and the funeral home is now operated as the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home.

## JOHN HAROLD KNOOP

John Harold "Dutch" Knoop was born March 14, 1901 in Versailles, a son of the late John W. and Anna Kennedy Knoop.

J. Harold Knoop

He was married on July 17, 1955 to Hattie L. Hughes, daughter of James H. Hughes and Mary Alice Polston Hughes of Versailles.

He owned and operated Knoop's in Versailles for many years before his retirement in 1968. The Knoop Store had been owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Knoop for many years. In 1943 Harold purchased the business. The store was located on the north side of the square since 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knoop were the proprietors until 1968, when the business was closed due to Mr. Knoop's illness.

The Knoop building now houses the Arts and Crafts Shop.

Mr. Knoop was a member of the Westminister Presbyterian Church in Versailles. He had served as secretary of the Versailles School Board for 23 years. He was a charter member of the Versailles Lions Club, and was given a life membership because of his service to the club.

Gregarious by nature, he was always interested in his church, his community, his family and friends. He always contributed generously of his time and means.

Mr. Knoop passed away May 21, 1978 at Versailles, Missouri.

## ELROY KOESTER

Elroy H. Koester, son of William J. and Lisettie (Kipp) Koester was one of their four children: Lorena (Holsten), Lorenz, Elroy, and Vernon. He was reared on the family farm two miles west of Stover, Missouri.

Alma and Elroy Koester

He married Alma Lillie Woolery, one of the eight children of Rowen and Golda (McCray) Woolery of Glensted, Missouri (see Rowen Woolery biography). They have one daughter, Joanne, who with her husband Philip Doolady and their two sons Troy and Kurt, live in Columbia, Missouri where Joanne is Administrative Assistant, Claims Department, M.F.A. Insurance Companies, and Philip is a switchman-installer for General Telephone Company.

Alma received her elementary education in rural schools in Morgan County. Elroy and daughter Joanne received theirs in St. Paul's Lutheran School in Stover. All three are graduates of Stover High School. Joanne attended Central Missouri State University two years.

The Koesters have owned and operated Stover Hatchery in Stover, Missouri for the past 37 years. It is now the only chick hatchery in Morgan County, and, capacitywise, is the fourth largest chick hatchery in Missouri. They operate the year around, hatching between three and four million chicks annually.

Elroy and Alma have been active in community affairs. They are active members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Elroy has held various offices in the church and has long been a member of the choir. They are also members of the Morgan County Historical Society. *by Alma Koester*

## WILLIAM MITCHELL KRUSE

The roots of the Kruse family in Morgan County date back into the Mid 1930s. Although they have not been in the county as long as many other families, their roots continue to be very important to them.

William Mitchell (Jerry) Kruse came to Morgan County during the depression from his parents' home area in Zepher Hills, Florida, to the home of her parents, Hampton and Clara Holloway, Route 1, Versailles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kruse — 1957
Mrs. Anna Kruse — 96 yrs.

Most of Jerry's younger years were spent doing construction work, making it necessary for the family to move often following jobs. The family lived in many states, but always returned to Morgan County. Permanent residence began in 1943 near Hopewell Church and school, on the old Thompson place, where Mr. and Mrs. Grover Griffen now farm.

Dairy farming, lots of custom combining and hay baling was their livelihood and lots of hard work, and a family of seven (7) children grew up each learning how to do their share of the chores. The children were born over a 26 year span, with five grandchildren being born before the youngest child was born. Jerry died at the age of 51 in 1957 and Gladys died in 1965 at the age of 52.

Gayle, the youngest child, is in the U.S. Navy. Christine married Wayne Laughlin of Barnett and lives with her family in St. Charles, Mo. They have four sons, David, Darrell, Adam and Wesley. Bob (fifth child) spent a hitch in the army, went to electronics school, married and with his wife Billie, lives in Liberty, Mo. They have two children, Jerry and Denise.

Earl (fourth child) went to the Army, married, and along with Bonnie and her three boys settled in Independence, Mo., working as a mechanic. Recently he has moved to Cole Camp, Mo. in the gas station business. Geneva became an LPN, married Lewis Mundy and works in Sedalia for a nursing home.

Mary (second child) married a Morgan County young neighbor, Wayne Miller. After a career in the Navy they have settled in Cairo, Mo., owning a feed store there. They have four children, in addition to raising Gayle after Gladys' death. Their daughter, Jane is married to Bob Viebrock and lives, with their children, north of Stover. Cheryl is married to Gary Boechen, also from Stover, and they and their family live in Sedalia, Mo. Bob is married to Lori Brooks and has a new baby girl, and lives in Moberly, Mo. Rick is the youngest and is still at home.

Jim, the oldest, was married to Laura Turner. Laura was reared by the James Varner family, who lived across the road from Jacob's Cave. Jim served his years in the Army, then entered Manhattan Christian College, Manhattan, Kan. to become a minister. They had three daughters. Laura, however, was killed in an auto accident just before Jim's graduation, making it necessary for him to return to Morgan County to be near relatives for help with the small children. During this time he preached at churches in Brumley and Ulman, one

Sunday a month at Hopewell. The summer before his graduation he preached at Barnett Union Church.

He later married a Kansas girl, Eileen Violett. He served the First Christian Church in Versailles in the early 1960's for 3½ years, before moving to Illinois to attend seminary at Lincoln. He was graduated from seminary and did new church evangelism for a few years, then moved back to the Versailles Christian Church for a second ministry there. Eileen taught in the Morgan Co. RII system during this time. While in Versailles, Jim helped start a new congregation of Christians in Camdenton, Mo. At the present time they live in Abilene, Ks. with their three school age children, Oneta, Tim, and Steve. Where he is pastor of the Christian Church.

Their married children are: Eva, married to Ed Maxwell from Versailles, and living with their family in Muskogee, Ok; Arleen, married to Brad Stephan, living in Pittsburg, Ks; Virginia, married to a Morgan County man, Rodney Schad, living with their children a quarter of a mile from the home place of Jerry and Gladys Kruse.

The people of Morgan County are dear and precious and will always be among the most treasured friendships. God has been very good to the people of the county. We are grateful for those roots. *by Jim Kruse*

## WILLIAM G. KISER

Mayfield Kiser and Hiram D. Keith, and ten other families started the town of Trammel, Va. in 1850.

Hiram and Elizabeth Keith

George Kiser married Harriet Virginia Keith Feb. 28, 1889.

Harriet and George Kiser — center picture

Harriet — holding baby, to her right is George, father of William G. Kiser.

In 1905 Robert Livesey, a land agent of Morgan County, Mo., went to Virginia to sell land and brought Hiram Keith back to Missouri, where he sold him 400 acres about one mile south of Barnett, Mo. He divided it into three parts for his children, Joseph Keith, Jess Keith and Harriet Kiser. He purchased another farm for his daughter, Samantha (Mrs. Silas Hicks), bordering Big Rock Cemetery. His other daughter, Mary Waddell (Mrs. George) received a farm about four miles east of Versailles on Rte. E.

George and Harriet Kiser brought their family to Missouri in April, 1908. Their children were Walter, Sarah, Betty, Orville, Jefferson, William, Beldon and Gyle (twins).

Walter married Bess Rusten. They had one son, Avis. He married Helen Spencer and they live in Jefferson City and have five children.

Sarah married Arthur Fields and they had eight children. James (deceased), Ada (deceased), Frank (killed in World War II), Helen, Sedalia, Mo., Paul, Leo, Gene and Dorothy Phillips, all of Trammel, Va.

Betty married Ed Rumans and lives at Versailles, Mo.

Orville married Mae Harrison. Their children, John, Mrs. Bonnie Stickney and Mrs. Kathryn Hutchison live at Eldon, Mo.

Jefferson married Neva Irvin and they live at Eldon.

Beldon never married and died as a young man.

Gyle married Golda Dusky and they had three children. Kenneth (deceased), Nadyne (Mrs. Dan Peoples) Versailles, and Mrs. Ethel Ricketts of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Lola married Tony Brockway. They had five children, two dying at birth. Living are Oma Dowell (Mrs. Charles), Mrs. Roy (Jewell) Haile, and Mrs. John (Betty) Calton, all of Versailles.

Sherman married Flossie Gunn and lives at Tipton, Mo. Their children are Sherman, Jr., who married Mary Petree, Mrs. Lloyd (Bertha) Cooper, Billy and Shirley, all of Tipton, Mo. Virginia Foster lives in Anaheim, Calif. and Faye Maness lives at Stover, Mo.

William married Victoria Denny and they live at Versailles. Their children: Henry and Mary, who died at birth, and Dottie.

Dottie married William Fields and lives at Versailles. Their children are Diana Paxson, who has two children and lives at Smithton, Mo. She is assistant director of the School of Nursing, State Fair Community College at Sedalia, Mo. Michael married Nancy Kahrs and lives near Sedalia. He works at Consumer's Market in Sedalia. Ronnie works at Wulff Harbor, Gravois Mills, Mo. Richard lives at home and is still in school. *by Mrs. William (Dottie) Fields*

## JEANETTE AMALIA GUENTHER KLINGE

Jeanette Amalia Guenther Klinge, second of thirteen children born April 17, 1850, to Johann Adam Friedrick Guenther, who was born Feb. 22, 1823 at Callid, Germany and who, at the age of 17 years, came to America with Gotlieb B. Frisch family.

Gotlieb was born in Callida, Germany Sept. 7, 1789, died Mar. 13, 1862. His wife was Louisa M. Gerhart, born in Callida, Germany, Apr. 20, 1793. Married May 26, 1816, died Sept. 12, 1876. Both buried at Boyler's (Byler's) Mill, which they ran. Friedrick Guenther worked for the Frisch's seven years before marrying their daughter, Christine Teresa Frisch Nov. 5, 1847 at Cole Camp, Mo. Christine was born Oct. 9, 1827 in Metseburg, Germany and died May 19, 1881.

Friedrick and Christine were buried at Boyler's Mill but were later moved to Sedalia, Mo.

Jeanette Amalia Guenther married Feb. 27, 1870 to Henry Klinge, born Apr. 23, 1844 at Wehrdem County, Luebbecke, Germany and came to America at age 15 to avoid the military draft in Germany.

Henry Klinge served in the Union army Aug. 18, 1862 and was mustered out July 1, 1865, Co. "C" 49th Reg. Illinois Inf.

Henry Klinge and wife, Jeanette Amalia (Guenther) Klinge

They lived in Sedalia before moving to St. Louis where he later became vice president of the Columbia Brewery, retiring about 1905. He bought 390 acres farm in Saline county in 1897.

Guenther dwelling south of Boylers Mills
Reunion July 2, 1896 — Elmer Guenther 1 yr. old

Their children were Hattie Klinge Philips, no children; Heinrich Klinge died in childhood; Carl A. Klinge, no children; Fred R. Klinge, b. Jan. 11, 1881 in St. Louis, d. Mar. 11, 1974. He was married to Mary Annette Richardson Jan. 1, 1905 in St. Louis. Nettie was born Aug. 7, 1883 in Saline county near Waverly and is still living. On Mar. 1, 1905 Fred and Nettie moved to the Saline county farm, where he farmed until his death.

Henry Klinge and his wife, Jeanette, spent their summers at the Saline county farm until their deaths, Jeanette on Feb. 1, 1911 and Henry Jan. 1, 1915.

Fred and Nettie had three children; Fred R. Klinge, Jr. had four children, Mary Klinge Lenze, Jeanette Mae Klinge, Fred R. Klinge, III and Heinrich Lee Klinge. Heinrich W. Klinge never married.

M. Jeanette Klinge never married. She taught in the Versailles High School in 1943-44 and later in Jefferson City schools. She and Heinrich are living on the Saline county farm and farming it. *by M. Jeanette Klinge*

## LIEUT. ALVIN H. KOCH

Alvin H. Koch was born near Stover, Mo. March 2, 1917, son of August H. and Lena Nolting Koch. His mother died shortly after his birth and in 1926 he came to make his home with his uncle and aunt, Dr. Sam N. and Minnie Newton at Versailles. He was raised in their home as a son.

Alvin Koch, who joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1929, was graduated from Versailles High School in May, 1935. The following fall he enrolled in the School of Engineering at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., where he studied days and worked after school hours to support himself and help defray his college expenses. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering in 1942.

At the university he was a member of the National Engineering Society, A.S.M.E. and the National Honorary Fraternity, Pi Tau Sigma. Alvin took civilian pilot training and R.O.T.C. receiving his commission as a lieutenant in the field artillery June 10, 1941.

Following his graduation from the university, Alvin Koch accepted a position with the Douglas Aircraft Corp. of St. Louis, where he worked until he was called to active duty that took him to Ft. Leavenworth, Kas. in June, 1942. He trained at Camp Roberts, Calif. and Ft. Lewis, Wash. He received his advanced training in a tank destroyer outfit in Camp Hood, Texas. He sailed for overseas duty in Jan., 1943 and was assigned to the 899th Tank Destroyer Group, who was fighting in Tunisia, North Africa. He was killed in action leading his tank company in an attack against Gen. Rommels' forces in the Battle of El Guettar under Gen. George Patton's command on March 23, 1943.

Lieut. Koch was awarded, posthumously, the Order of the Purple Heart for military merit and wounds received in action against the enemy. He was buried in the USAF Cemetery near Gafsa, Tunisia.

In 1946 his body was returned to the United States and buried with full military in the Oak Park Addition of the Versailles Cemetery.

He has a brother, Herbert Koch, who lives in Jefferson City, Mo. *by 1st/Sgt. Gene N. Bartram, cousin*

## MICHAEL KRAXBERGER

Michael Kraxberger was born in Wells, Austria and settled in Morgan County, Missouri south of Stover in the High Prairie neighborhood in 1853. He married Katherine Roiter, who also came from Austria. He bought the homeplace from the United States government on December 15, 1854. This land was in the Kraxberger family until 1972.

Michael and Katherine (Roiter) Kraxberger — Wedding Picture

Michael Kraxberger renounced his allegiance to the King of Austria and he received his certificate of naturalization on March 18, 1865. Michael and Katherine had four children, Elizabeth J., John G., Michael F., and Theresa.

Elizabeth never married.

John G. married Johanna Yunker and they had four children, namely, Francis, Gustav, Hulda, and Edwin. Francis married Luenda Hagedorn, they had two sons, Cletus and Nathaniel. Gustav married Verna Hinken and they had one son, Lloyd. Hulda never married.

Edwin married Helen Ford.

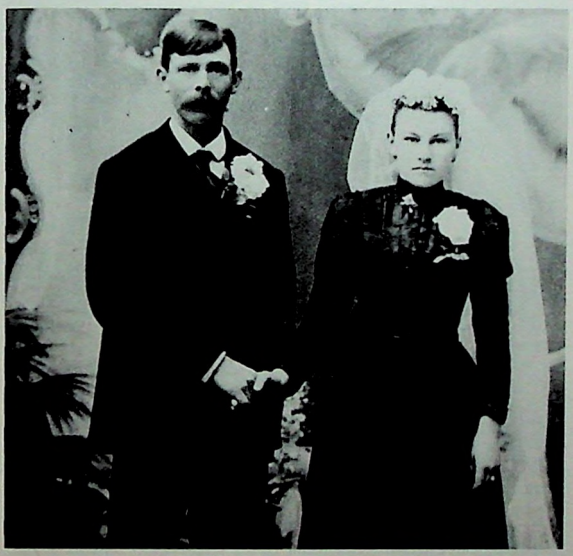
Michael F. married Augusta Wilckens and they had eight children, namely, Otto, Walter, Alma, Alfred, Hilda, Selma, Alvin and Oscar. Otto married Lillian Hunter and they had five children, Elizabeth, Robert, Billy, Mary Lou and an infant girl that died at birth. Walter married Laura Koester and they had one daughter, Karen.

Alma married Everett Hurley and had no children. Alfred married Myrl Eyeman, no children. Hilda married Guy Marker and had one daughter, Barbara. Oscar married Mary Louise Pirtle and they had three children, Mike, Theresa, and Tammy. Selma and Alvin died when they were small.

Theresa Kraxberger married Dick Brauer and they had four children, Theodore, Rosena, Josephine and Waldemar. This family moved to Kansas in early married life. Most of the Michael Kraxberger family, including the grandchildren spent their life in Morgan County, Missouri. *Otto Kraxberger*

## ADOLPH KROESCHEN

Henry and Fredrick Kroeschen, brothers, arrived here by boat from Germany in 1833. They settled five miles west of Versailles.



Wedding picture of Adolph and Gusta Kroeschen, Feb. 15, 1900

Henry married Wilhelmina Thielke and they had two children. Henry was killed in the Civil War.

Fredrick married and had three sons, Charley, who had two daughters, lived at Excelsior. Harmon was never married.

August married and had three children. Was a farmer near Stover. Their mother died.

Fredrick married Justine Nolting, a widow, with two sons, Henry and Fritz. Henry married and lived on the Nolting farm in the Smiley School district. They had four children.

Fritz married and moved to Oklahoma in 1907. He had eleven children.

Fredrick owned a farm next to the widow's farm, where he built a log house with dirt floor. Here three sons were born. They were Adolph, Edward and Louis. Fredrick helped build the Nolting church and was a charter member. When Louis was four years old, Fredrick died.

Adolph was born March 20, 1866 at Pyrmont. At an early age he became the head of the household. He had to work although he had no schooling. But, he learned to read the Bible in German. He walked behind a plow barefoot as they were very poor. Adolph talked about Jesse James and his brother stopping and staying to rest, eating and feeding their horses. They paid well for the food Mother Kroeschen cooked, he said. They were either going to or coming from Otterville. The "backbone ridge" or "rattle snake ridge" was their route to southern Missouri. Kroeschen did not know them as outlaws and said they were very kind.

Adolph married Gusta Nolte of Florence Feb. 15, 1900. She was born May 30, 1880, daughter of August and Minnie Loges Nolte. Her grandparents came from Germany and settled at Florence. Adolph and Gusta operated a cafe in Excelsior a few years then bought a farm eight miles northwest of Versailles near Self Chapel School. They lived until death in 1949 after rearing eleven children.

August married Icie Oehrke of Florence. They had no children. Otto married Nora (Friedly) and they had no children. Bertha married Arthur Loomis of Kansas City and they had three sons, Raymond, Charles and Dwayne, and Brenda, and nine grandchildren.

Fred married Alvina Munsterman of Florence and they had one son, Wayne, and two grandchildren.

Hulda married Ezra Self of Versailles and they had one son, Calvin and two granddaughters, Debbie and Lana and a great-grandson, Denny Vogel.

In 1975 Hulda married Elmer Zimmerschied of Mora. Viola married Earl Richardson of Florence and they had three sons, Paul, Donald and Ronald and three grandchildren. Edwin married Meta Windler of Stover and they had one son, Louis, and one daughter, Rosalie.

Minnie married Otto Richardson of Florence and they have five children, Kenneth, deceased, Leon, Ida, Joyce and Betty. They have children and great-grandchildren. Raymond married Irma Viebrock of Stover and they have one son, Doug, who married Debby Marriott and they have two sons. Robert, twin to Raymond, married Cleo Koester of Stover and they have one daughter, Gloria, and three sons, Gary, Gene and Greg, and two grandchildren. They all live in Illinois.

Rosena married Martin Koester of Independence and they have one daughter, Pat, and son, Russell and grandchildren.

Adolph's brother, Edward, married (wife's name unknown), lived in Sweet Springs, had eleven children, the living are Elmer, Pauline, Mabel, Leona, Della Marie and Mildred.

Adolph's brother, Louis, married Elizabeth Napier of Versailles and they had two daughters, living is Mamie Goodman of Sedalia. *by Hulda (Self) Zimmerschied*

## CHARLES E. KUGLER

Charles Edward Kugler, born Feb. 19, 1859 near Rye, New York, came west at the turn of the 20th century, stopping briefly in Sedalia, Mo., where he worked as a painter at the old Missouri State Fairgrounds. He came to Versailles, Mo. early in 1901 and was employed by the late Tice Duff.

Cora Lee Nevis, born Nov. 1, 1877 on a farm in the old Proctor, Mo. community, moved with her family to a farm on the Glensted, Mo. road north of Versailles. She married T.J. Reed in 1893. They migrated to the Oklahoma Territory in 1893 by covered wagon. Three children were born in the Territory. During an epidemic in 1901 her husband and two children died. Living in an area principally inhabited by Indians and with the nearest neighbor some twenty miles distant, she abandoned the homestead and returned to Morgan County in 1901.

Here she married Charles E. Kugler on Nov. 2, 1902. They had five children, two dying in early childhood.

Charles Kugler and wife, Cora
William and Raymond, their children

After their marriage Charles established his own painting and decorating business. He moved a two-room cabin to a lot at the corner of McNair and North Fisher streets and added two rooms and porches. The house still stands at that location.

He continued in his business until he became disabled in 1930. His two sons, William and Raymond, were associated with him in his business and William continued in the business until the early 1940's.

Charles E. Kugler died June 30, 1940 and his wife, Cora Lee, died March 15, 1953. William died Oct. 18, 1968. Charles, Cora Lee and two children are buried in the Versailles Cemetery. William is buried in Livonia, Michigan.

The surviving members of the family are Raymond, of Mack's Creek, and Marie Kugler Johnson of Camdenton. A grandson, R.R. Kugler and two children live at Northville, Mich. Another grandson, Michael D. Johnson and two children live at Berkley, Mich.

## MAURICE J. LA RUE, JR.

Maurice Jehu La Rue, Jr., son of Maurice J. (Sr.) and Lela Tharp La Rue, was born in La Porte, Indiana, August 25, 1914. He later moved to Wheeling, Missouri, where he spent his childhood and attended the public schools. He started giving piano lessons at the age of 12 and during the summer months, while attending College, he organized and directed an orchestra which presented weekly concerts in Wheeling, Mo.

Maurice J. LaRue Jr.

He attended College at C.M.S.U. in Warrensburg, Mo., and graduated from Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri. He also did graduate work at Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri, Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and C.M.S.U. in Warrensburg.

He came to Versailles, Missouri in 1938, where he directed the Orchestra and organized the Versailles School Band, in the public schools. Later he served as Vocal Director of the Schools for 25 years, in addition to the Instrumental Music. He taught for 32 years in the Versailles Schools before retiring in 1977. He also served as Director of the Versailles Municipal Band each summer for many years, giving weekly concerts on the Court House lawn and as Organist at Versailles United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church, Versailles, Mo.

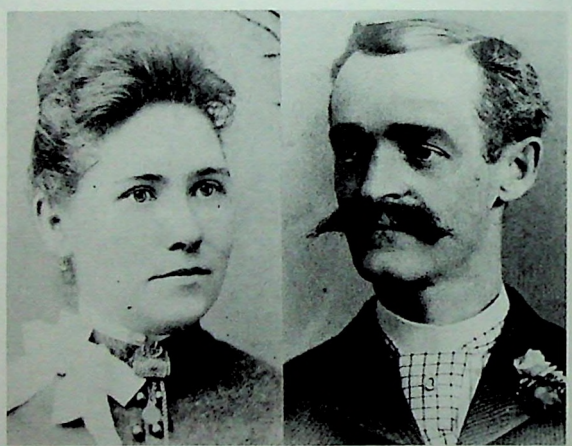
He served as an Office Manager for 5 years and also spent 3 years in the Army during World War II, at which time he was a member of an Army Band.

On November 25, 1947, he was married to Betty Jane Moser, daughter of Royce and Russie F. Moser, who was born in Versailles, Mo., March 19, 1920. She has lived in Versailles except while attending Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, from which she graduated in 1938, and while working as a Secretary in the State Legislature and as a Secretary during the Constitutional Convention in Jefferson City, Missouri. She also worked for her parents at the Moser Hatchery.

They have two children, Roberta, (Mrs. Gary Dean Kelly), born May 20, 1951, who with her husband spent two years teaching in Australia; Michael, born September 28, 1955, and one grandchild, Kristen Lee Kelly, born January 29, 1977. *by Maurice J. LaRue Jr.*

## JAMES RUNYON LEE

James Runyon Lee, grandfather of Bonnelle (Manley) White, Mrs. Andrew F. White of Versailles, Missouri, was born in Rahway, New Jersey, on March 25, 1855. He was the son of Moses Dayton Lee, born February 3, 1832, in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, Essex County. Moses Dayton Lee was the son of Moses Lee, born 1808, in Elizabethtown.



James and Isabella Lee

All that is known of James Lee's grandfather, Moses, is that James' father, Moses Dayton received a legacy of $1500 from one of the Lee relatives living in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His grandfather's parents had come from Virginia before the American Revolution.

Moses Dayton served as a chaplain in Company E., 3rd Virginia Infantry of the Confederate States of America.

James' father, Moses Dayton, used the $1500 to purchase a small farm close to Stafford Station, County Seat of Stafford County, Virginia.

James' grandfather, Moses, died in Tranquility, Green Township, Sussex County, New Jersey. He died July 19, 1851 at the age of forty-three years. He was married at the time, but the copy of the record from the New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics in 1940 did not state if Anna (Dayton) Lee was living at the time of his death. He was a shoemaker. His parents names were not included in the report.

Moses Dayton and Susan Lee

Moses Dayton had training in a seminary to become a Methodist Circuit Rider. He began in Virginia. He was in New Jersey when he met Susan (Stansberg) Stansberry of Rahway, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Grace and David Stansberry.

Susan was born on April 20, 1832, in Rahway. She married Moses Dayton Lee on July 4th, 1854, in Rahway. There were five children, James Runyon, Anna B., Harriet, Robert Edward, and Wallace B.

Moses Dayton Lee was pastor of the Methodist Church in Elba, New York, and James was pastoring in rural churches nearby when James met Isabella Maude Robinson of Batavia in 1877. Isabella was the daughter of George Washington Robinson, born 1819 Lankshire, England, and Maude Magaretta (Welsh) Robinson, born 1836 in Lancaster.

They were married in 1850. There were three children, George Willard, born 1851 in Lancaster, Isabella Maude, born on April 1, 1862, and Josephine Frances on December 25, 1865, in Rochester, New York. They had come in 1853 to Rochester, where George had a position with the British Merchandising Exchange.

James and Isabella were married in Batavia, Genesee County, New York, on May 13, 1877.

In 1881 the Reverend Moses Lee and his wife made their home on their farm in Stafford County Virginia. He served in the rural churches.

In 1883 James, Isabella, and Daisie Margaretta, born March 15, 1878, in Elba, came to Stafford Station. James became associated with a business of decorating supplies and interior materials. There was a demand in Fredricksburg for this business.

In 1885 Moses health was beginning to decline. He and Susan went to Elmhurst, Alemeda County, California where relatives of Moses lived. James and his wife lived in Dallas, Texas where he had a successful business as an interior decorator. Daisie entered St. Joseph Academy, Clyde, Missouri, near St. Joseph, Missouri in 1890, to receive her education.

Moses died on January 29th, 1897, and Susan on December 6, 1898, at Elmhurst. Both are buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland. In 1916 James died on February 22, and was buried beside them.

Isabella M. Robinson, Mrs. Janes R. Lee, is buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Missouri, where she lived with her daughter, (Daisie Lee Manley), Mrs. William R. Manley, and her husband. Daisie's mother died on June 4th, 1943. *by Bonnelle White*

## ALVA JOSEPH LEFEVER

Alva J. Lefever, son of David and Melvina Wall Lefever, was born March 15, 1884, on the homestead in Little Buffalo Community of Morgan County established by his grandfather, John Wesley Lefever, who came from Kentucky in 1841. His forebear fled France to Austria, then America, during the Huguenot persecutions. Alva began his farming career on the Lefever Homestead, and later expanded to two additional farms in the Little Buffalo area.

Pauline and Alva Lefever

Alva met Pauline, daughter of Henry and Mary Lemler Nolte, when she applied for a teaching position at Wigwam School for which he was a Director. Three years later (April 7, 1912) they were married. Pauline established a Sunday School for the community, in the little white Church located on Lefever lands. Later she taught in the Sunday School of the Versailles Presbyterian Church, where Alva served as an Elder and Deacon.

Alva was elected County Assessor and the family moved to Versailles in 1925. He continued farming at Little Buffalo, and the family spent summers there, until 1928, when he bought a farm west of Versailles, a part of which is now occupied by Morgan County R II Schools. He lived there at his death, April 3, 1962. Pauline still resides in Versailles. Alva also owned and operated farms in Cole, Miller and Osage Counties.

The Lefevers were parents of eight children. One son, David Henry, died in infancy. Juanita was a teacher in Morgan County before her marriage to Curtis Hilderbrand. They now live on a farm north of Stover adjacent to land homesteaded by her grandfather, Henry Nolte. Their son, Ronald, also lives in Morgan County. Another son, Dr. David Hilderbrand, married Julie Vaughan. They have two sons, Grant and Lucas.

Geraldine (Gerry) died in 1964. She is survived by her husband, Lt. Col. Leonard Dahl, and two daughters, Suzanne and Valerie.

Valorene (Vallee) lives in Tulsa. Her husband, Vernon Kidd, died in 1970. They had three children. Elaine married Ernest Green and they have two children, Alison and Brian. Vernon, Jr., married Margaret Lynch. They have two children, Jeffrey and Mary. Margaret and Dr. Marvin Keener have two children, Susan and Ross.

Ruth and her husband, John Carriger, live in Healdsburg, California. Their three children also live in California. John Charles and his wife, Kathleen York Carriger have one son, John Jeffrey. Dr. Ann Wittenbrock is married to Dr. Thomas Wittenbrock. Richard William is a student nurse.

Fern and her husband, Robert Seelig, are living in La-Grange, Illinois. Their daughter, Jan, is married to Bruce Quintelier.

June and her husband, Gene Gordon, live in Albany, New York. They are the parents of four children, Alan, Gail, Cathy and Londa, who is married to Robert Schuff.

A.J., Jr., married Betty Richardson of Stover, and they now live in Tuscumbia, Missouri. A.J. began his farming career with his father. He has owned and operated farms in Morgan, Miller and Osage Counties. Their daughter, Vickie, and her husband, Jim Burrows, have two children, Justin and Trevor. Their son carries the name of his great, great grandfather, John Wesley Lefever. *by Vallee Kidd*

## CHARLES DAVID LEFEVER

Charles David Lefever, born October 9, 1882, was the eldest son of David Asbury and Amanda Melvina Wall Lefever, and the grandson of John Wesley Lefever and Talitha Cooper Lefever who in 1841 left Louisville, Kentucky, by steamboat. They traveled the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri and Osage Rivers to arrive in Morgan County. On the banks of the Osage near the mouth of Little Buffalo Creek they established a homestead which remained in the Lefever family for ninety years until inundated by the Lake of the Ozarks.

Charles and Edna Lefever — Wedding picture

John Wesley and his wife were the parents of six children: Harvey died as a youth, John Wesley married Darlene Couch, Martha Jane married Hamp Taylor, Edward married Sarah Mitchell, Charlotte married Dave Cable, James married Josephine Taylor, and David Asbury married Amanda Melvina Wall.

David and Melvina became owners of the original homestead. They were the parents of two sons, Charles David and Alva Joseph, and six daughters, Mamie, Julia, Bertha, Myrtle, Eva, and Alma. The daughters established homes outside Morgan County.

Charles married Edna Phillips August 5, 1906, and they became the parents of a son, Gregory. Charles and his family moved to Stover in 1919, where he operated a feed yard for a time. They then moved to a farm four miles south of Stover. In 1932 the family moved to Jamestown, Missouri, where Charles and Edna lived their remaining years.

Gregory began his teaching career in rural schools of Morgan County, and continued in the field of education in the Kansas City area where he still resides. *by Juanita Lefever Hilderbrand*

## BERTHA B. (GERBER) LEHMAN

Bertha B. (Gerber) Lehman was born Jan. 1, 1878, the daughter of Christian and Barbara Gerber. She married Albert Lehman, who died in 1900, leaving his wife and two small daughters: Ella, born Jan. 15, 1898, and Elda, born July 26, 1900. She married a brother of her first husband, Ed L. Lehman on Oct. 6, 1901. To this union were born: Freda, Dec. 3, 1902, LaVera, Sept. 16, 1906, Dorothy, May 19, 1909, and Velma, April 23, 1913. On Feb. 22, 1922, Ed L. Lehman and his twelve year old daughter, Dorothy Dean, were buried in a double funeral service, having died of pneumonia a few days apart.

Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Baumgartner Wedding Picture, Sept. 16, 1923

Ella married Jesse Wenger in 1919, and lived on a farm N.E. of Versailles, where Mr. Wenger still lives, as well as his son Roy. Jesse Wenger is married to the former Ruth Diener, Ella having died in 1964. The Wenger children are as follows: Viola, born March 4, 1920, married Samuel Ramer, who is now deceased. They have two daughters: Mary Ruth, (Mrs. Jay Blough) has 2 sons, and they live at Newton, Ks., Kathryn McElmurry lives at Elkart, Ind. Viola is now living in Israel. Albert was born March 25, 1922, and is married to the former Rose Diener. They live on a Dairy farm N.E. of Versailles, and have seven children: David, married the former Debbie McBride, lives at Columbia, Mo., Karen, (Mrs. Ken Gingerich) has two children, and they live at Omaha, Neb. Linda, (Mrs. Reg. Ewert) lives at Omaha also. Danny, Bob, Ann and Carol are all of Versailles. Norman was born March 24, 1923, is married to the former Mary Driver, and they live on a Dairy farm N.E. of Versailles. They have one daughter, Joyce, (Mrs. Lowell Ulrich) lives at Dayton, Va. Paul Wenger was born June 11, 1924 and is married to former Lela Bentch. They live at Hesston, Ks., where Paul is a driver for Hesston Mfg. Co. They have four children; Barbara, (Mrs. Lew Thomas) has one son and they live at Waverly, Ia. Twila lives at Phoenix, Ariz., Duane is at Goshen, Ind., and Donna is a Fr. Student at Bethel College, Newton, Ks. Roy was born Feb. 6, 1926, and is married to former Glendola Bentch. They have 9 children: Delores, (Mrs. Marlin Miller) has two children, and they live at Alpine, Ca., Darlene (Mrs. Leonard Riemer) Portland, Ore., Charlene (Mrs. Cleo Yoder) has one daughter of Nappanee, Ind., Marilyn, (Mrs. Ray Evans) is at Omaha, Neb, Judith, (Mrs. Elmer Redcay), Hesston, Ks. Janice, (Mrs. Clifford Miller) of Versailles, Phillip, Vivian and Fred of Versailles. Roy is a Dairy Farmer, and also runs Versailles Truck-

Tractor. Elda married O.E. Baumgartner on Sept. 16, 1923. They have two children; Edmond and Dorothy Lee. Ed is a Dairy Farmer on the same farm as his parents live 10 miles N.E. of Versailles. He married the former Dorothy Hilty, and they have David, married to former Marsha Terry, Versailles, Diane (Mrs. Ed Bruemmer) Columbia, Mo., and Debra, a Fr. Student at Drury College, Springfield, Mo. Dorothy Lee is married to Harvey Baer, and they live at Lebanon, Ill. They have four children; Randy is married and lives at St. Charles, Mo., Marsha, (Mrs. Nat. Helms), Galveston, Tex., Ann (Mrs. Paul Wolfman,) Bloomfield, N.J., and Linda, a Junior in SISU, Edwardsville, Ill.

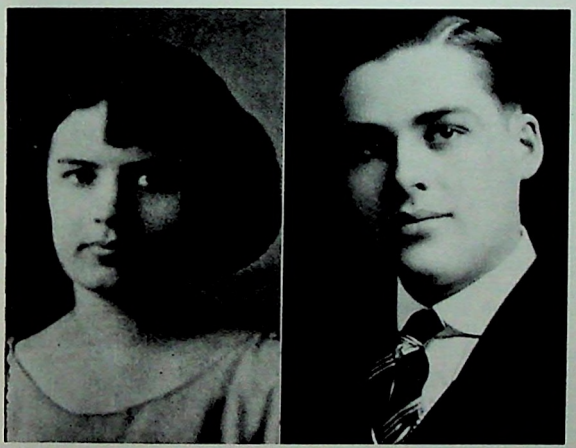
Freda married John Harris of Orrick, Mo., where she still lives. Mr. Harris died in 1954. They have two daughters, Barbara and son live at Wichita Falls, Tex., and Mary Lou (Mrs. Bob Black) and son live at Atchison, Ks.

LaVera Lehman died in 1971. She was a teacher in Morgan County for many years, teaching at St. Martin, Providence and Versailles H.S. In 1955 LaVera moved to Lebanon, Ill., where she taught until her death.

Velma, (Mrs. John Williams) has two children, John E. Stith of K.C. and Lou Ann, (Mrs. Geo. Stewart) has two children and they live at Billings, Montana.

## ELBERT ORVA LEHMAN

Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Elbert Orva Lehman were Swiss Mennonites who came to America from Bern, Switzerland about 1819 and to Morgan County, Missouri in 1866 and 1868. He was a grandson of John and Elizabeth Lehman and Peter and Anna Loganbill, first settlers in the Bethel Community. (See Wm. H. Lehman history for more on early ancestors of Elbert Lehman).



Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Lehman

Elbert Orva Lehman was born in Morgan County March 16, 1894 to William H. and Mary E. Loganbill Lehman. He had an only sister Otillia, born December 10, 1892 and lived ten days. He attended German Sunday School and Church services at Bethel Church and did not learn to speak the English language until he started to public school at the age of six. He was a life time member of Bethel Mennonite Church.

On September 8, 1829 he married Lulu Mabel Milburn of Barnett and they made their home on the farm which was his home residence, one mile southeast of Bethel Church, where he was engaged as a crop and livestock farmer and a turkey raiser. He remained on this farm until his death December 11, 1965.

On the Lehman farm where Mabel still resides there remains the marks of an old covered wagon trail which some called the Old St. Louis Trail. By the side of this old trail is a sunken ground area which is a weak spring of water, which was active at one time but almost dried up and is now closed. Part of this 80 acre farm has been in the Lehman family since John Lehman purchased it October 26, 1866 and Mabel has the original Warranty deed transferring the eighty acres to Mr. Lehman. She also has original tax receipt showing the taxes paid on this eighty acres in 1860 was $3.30 paid to James Puckett, Morgan County collector; state tax was $1.54¼, county tax was $1.08¼, state Int. fund tax $.58¼ and Lunatic Asylum tax .09¼ cents. She also has the original land patent issued on the above farm and signed December 15, 1854 by President Franklin Pierce.

Elbert and Mabel had no children but in January 1947 her nephew Glenn James (Jim) Milburn came from Guttenbert Iowa to live in their home as a son until his marriage.

Mabel (Milburn) Lehman was born near Grinnell, Iowa July 22, 1904 and lived there until March 1912 when she was seven and one-half years. The family returned to Morgan County to make their home on a farm near Barnett, and she lived there until her marriage. (For more of Mabel Lehman's history of ancestors, see history of James Monroe Milburn).

Mabel had nine brothers and sisters: Clarence Monroe, St. Louis — born Nov. 6, 1897, died Aug. 16, 1974 — married Lola Morrow — two children Dale and Wilma; Bertha Isabelle, Springfield, Mo. born Jan. 15, 1900; Elmer James, born March 8, 1901, died Feb. 1907; Ethel May, born May 10, 1903, died Feb. 11, 1904; Lulu Mabel, born July 22, 1904, married Elbert Lehman; Bessie Arlene, Springfield, Mo. born Oct. 11, 1907, married Ira Bixler — two sons, Vencil and Donald; Hattie Marie, Long Beach, California, born Sept. 30, 1909, married Bev Kidwell — four children, Archie, Jack, Beverley, and Kermit; Lester Harlan born March 2, 1911, died July 1945; Glenn Raymond, Carlisle, Iowa, born Sept. 20, 1913, married Delores Greenwood — one son Glenn James (Jim); Babe Milburn, born and died September 1916.

Both Elbert and Mabel were charter members of the Morgan County Historical Society. *by Mabel Lehman*

## PETER C.A. LEHMAN

Peter C.A. Lehman (1838-1919) son of Chris and Anna Loganbill Lehman was born in Wayne County, Ohio. He married Rebecca Lichti (1835-1915). She was born in Switzerland and migrated to America. They came to Missouri in 1876 and settled near Bethel Mennonite church, where they were charter members. They had eight children, they were, Caroline, Anna, Mary, Benjamin, Katherine, Frank, Rueben and Harve.

Caroline (1863-1945) married William Hofstetter. They had nine children, Ernest, Lillie, Emma, Fannie, Elvin, Grace, Harve, William and Ira. Ernest (1889) farmed with his parents and after retirement moved to Versailles, Missouri. Lillie (1891-1975) married Aubrey Tyree and lived on a farm near Latham, Missouri. Emma (1894-1955) married Oscar Sprunger and moved to Berne, Indiana. They had three children, Lucinda, Clarenelle and Omer. Fannie (1896-1967) married Karl Holman and moved to Oklahoma. They had two children, Florene and Karl Jr. Elvin (1892) married Lizzie Devine and two daughters were born to them, Elnora and Mildred. Harve (1897-1977) married Stella Tyree. They had four children, Virginia, Marjorie, Lorene and Richard. Grace (1900-1977) married Bill Friedrick. He died in 1962. William (1903-1976) married Bertha McKinney and moved to St. Louis, Missouri. Ira (1906-1974) married Lela Kratzer, and a daughter Carol was born.

Mary Lehman married Peter Bucher, who died. Later she married J.D. Welty and moved to Bluffton, Ohio.

Benjamin (1870) married Anna Radckiffe. A son Roy was born. He married and moved to Michigan. They had two children.

Katherine (1871-1938) was married January 3rd, 1895 to William Aeschbacher. They lived on a farm near Excelsior. To

this union were born two daughters. Blanche (Mrs. Everett Callison). Lorene (Mrs. Met Hughes). Met died 1972 in an auto accident. Met and Lorene had two children, Gail and Karen. Gail married Dorothy Kauffman and they have three children. Debby, Steven and Mary Kay. Gail and Dorothy live in California Missouri.

Karen married Harold Hall, they live in Branson, Missouri and have four children, Brenda, Mark, Greg and Carol Ann.

Frank (1873-1956) married Linda Lehman. Three children were born, Lloyd, Leonard and Alma. Alma taught school in Moniteau and Morgan Counties.

Rueben (1875-1960) married Dora Sharples. They moved to Deer Creek, Oklahoma. They had six children, Lauvera (Mrs. Basel Reynolds), they have one son Peter. Arlene, (Mrs. Richard Pierce). Two daughters were born, Patricia and Nancy. Clairnelle (Mrs. Bill DeFernery) they have two daughters, Diane and Julia. James married Katherine DeFernery, they have four children. Mary, Edward, John and David. Frances (Mrs. Bob McConnell) have two daughters Carol and Catherine. Bob lives in Winfield, Kansas.

Harve (1879-1957) married Anna Hays, their children are Hazel (Mrs. Ray Snyder), Earlene (Mrs. John Lutz) with one son Donald. Jewell married Maxine Peters and have one daughter Linda. Juanita lives in Kansas City, Missouri. *by Alma Lehman*

## QUINTIN LEHMAN

Quintin Garber Lehman, born March 22, 1924 in Morgan County, Mo. He is the son of Joseph Allen and Bertha Garber Lehman. He married Eunice Esther Bentch, born Nov. 2, 1937 in Camden County, Mo. She is the daughter of George Ezra and Minnie Opal McDavitt Bentch. Quintin and Eunice were married on Aug. 7, 1965 at the Bethel Mennonite Church. They are the parents of two sons, Rodney Brian, born May 17, 1969 in Jefferson City, Mo., and Brent Kevin Lehman, born May 15, 1972 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Quintin and Eunice Lehman

Quintin has six brothers and 1 sister: Warren, Herman, Mildred (Hilty), Roland, Joseph, Samuel, and Daniel.

Quintin's father, Joseph Allen Lehman was born on Aug. 18, 1880. Died March 10, 1955. He was the son of Peter P. Lehman, III, 1846-1919 born in Wayne County, Ohio. He moved to Missouri with his father and mother, Peter P. Lehman II, 1813-1896 and Katharina Loganbill Lehman. They came here in 1866. Peter P. Lehman, III was the first minister of the Bethel Mennonite Church. He was married to Barbera Welty. His father, Peter P. Lehman, II was born in Switzerland in 1813 and came to America at the age of six with his parents, Peter P. I, and Barbara Bogli Lehman. They came to America in 1819 so they could have real freedom. They settled in Wayne County, Ohio. Quintin's great-grandfather moved to Moniteau County, Mo. in 1866.

Brent and Brian Lehman

Quintin's father purchased the farm in Morgan County. He married Bertha Mae Garber, Jan. 4, 1886-Feb. 20, 1963. She was the daughter of Daniel A. 1857-1931 and Anna Loganbill Garber 1864-1940. Daniel A. Garber was son of John and Barbara Loganbill Garber. Anna Loganbill was daughter of Peter and Anna M. Bixler Loganbill.

Quintin attended school at Providence School in Morgan Co. and Versailles High School. He purchased the farm from his father in 1954. He was born on this farm and has lived here most of his life. The farm is located 9 mi. northeast of Versailles on Highway E. He operates a grain farm and keeps some cattle.

Eunice moved to Morgan Co. with her parents, George Ezra and Minnie Opal Bentch in March of 1945. They moved to a farm in the Providence Community. They moved here from Edwards, Mo. in Camden County. Eunice has 2 brothers and 2 sisters, Glendola Wenger, Harlan Donalee Bentch, Lela Ruth Wenger, Clarence Everett Bentch. Eunice's father, George Ezra Bentch was born July 29, 1901 in Camden County, son of Daniel Allen and Eliza Ann Tolar. Daniel Allen was son of Ambrose and Margaret Sharp Bentch. Daniel Allen was married to Eliza Ann daughter of John and Margaret Jane Bench Tolar. George Ezra was married to Minnie Opal McDavitt, born Sept. 26, 1903, daughter of James Cordell and Nancy Jane Upton McDavitt. James was son of George and Elizabeth Connell McDavitt. Nancy was daughter of John and Elizabeth Jones Upton.

Eunice attended one year of school at Lick Creek School in Camden County and the remainder at Providence School in Morgan County. She attended Versailles High School and Draughn's Business College in Springfield. She is employed as a bookkeeper at Versailles Truck & Tractor Co. in Versailles.

Rodney Brian and Brent Kevin attend school at Morgan County R-II School in Versailles.

Quintin and Eunice are members of the Bethel Mennonite Church, Fortuna, Mo.

## WILLIAM H. LEHMAN

About the year 1819 several Swiss Mennonite families emigrated from Canton Bern, Switzerland to America and settled in Wayne County, Ohio. In April 1866 the first five of these Mennonite families moved to Morgan and Moniteau Counties in Missouri, all the land being in Morgan County until part of Morgan County was changed to Moniteau County in later years. They purchased land southeast of Tipton, or eleven miles northeast of Versailles. The purchase price was $25.00 per acre for timber land, and fifteen dollars per acre for prairie land, which now sells for seven hundred to eight hundred dollars per acre in 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lehman, and Elbert

Other families followed soon and a congregation was organized April 21, 1867, at which time they had communion services and gave the name Bethel to their new church. The first church house was built in 1870, and was the first, and still is, the only General Conference Mennonite Church in the state of Missouri.

One of these first five families coming to Morgan County was John Lehman (born 1835) and his wife Elizabeth Garber Lehman (born 1838), bringing their first children, and more were born later. John and Elizabeth were charter members of the new Bethel Church. They spent their entire life on farms near the church, and reared nine children. They are: Solomon who married Emma Oesch; Joel married Martha Basinger; Ed married Caroline Welty; Walter married Netta Hass; Rose married John Welty; Carrie married Abraham Wenger; Sarah married Louis Wenger, and after her death, her sister Mary married Louis Wenger; and William H. married Mary E. Loganbill.

William, born Nov. 11, 1864 in Wayne County, Ohio and at the age of two years came to Morgan County. In October 1891 he was married to Mary Loganbill and they spent their married lives on farms in Bethel Community. They were the parents of a daughter, Otillia, born Dec. 10, 1892, and died Dec. 20, 1892. Also a son Elbert Orva, born March 16, 1894, who married Mabel Milburn of Barnett in 1929.

Ancestral history of Mary Loganbill Lehman (as far back as she knows) is to the day in 1797, in Canton Bern, Switzerland when her great grandmother Kammerman (then a young bride) gave birth to a daughter whom they named Elizabeth. In 1822 grandmother Kammerman and family, including daughter Elizabeth age 25, migrated to America and settled in Wayne County, Ohio.

Elizabeth Kammerman was married in Ohio to Jacob (Bixel) Bixler and several children were born, including a daughter Anna and a son Daniel, (who was the father of Dave Bixler who lived near Excelsior and is the father of Clara Bixler Boeschen and Ruth Bixler Wilson).

Elizabeth and Jacob Bixler's daughter, Anna Bixel Bixler was born in 1833, and married Peter Loganbill, born 1829. They came from Wayne County, Ohio to Morgan County in March 1868 with their family, also bringing Peter's mother, who died a few months later. They located on a farm near the church and raised a family of twelve children: John Loganbill married Anna Moser; Jacob married Rebecca Neuenschwander; Daniel married Kate Hokenheimer; Elizabeth married Dave Neuenschwander; Anna married Daniel Garber; Barbara married Frank Driver; Rose married Simeon Hofstetter; Mattie married David Hofstetter; Clara married Sameul Moser; Will married Grace Moser; Salome never married, and Mary married William H. Lehman who died Oct. 21, 1941, and Mary died Sept. 19, 1959 at the age of 92 years. *by Mabel Lehman*

## JAMES R. LEWIS

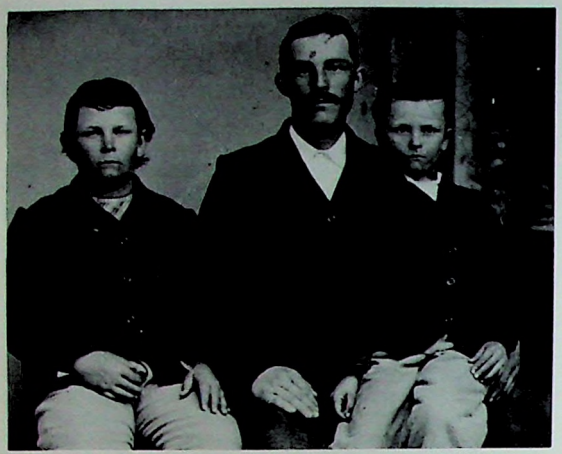
James Ridley Lewis, born Oct. 6, 1824 in one of the Carolinas and came to Missouri in the early years of his life, living in Howard Co. for a time and moved from there to Morgan Co. in 1854, where he remained the rest of his life. James R. ran a general store, post office and a blacksmith shop, which was all that made up the town of St. Martin in Morgan Co., a short distance north of Prairie View Church on Highway 5. He was married three times.

Haywood Thomas Family
*1st. Row, L to R:* Haywood, Lem, Vina (Lewis) Thomas; *Back:* Maude Roach, Bertha Bridges, Minnie Brenton

First married Sarah E. Cheshire (Chesser), Feb. 23, 1854. Children; Catherine (Kate) born 1855, married Wm. H. Marsh, Feb. 8, 1874; Harriet born 1857, married James S. Williams Nov. 26, 1874; Jacob born 1861, married Linnie Thixton Sept. 26, 1880. All the above children died early in life, before their father's death.

The youngest child, Lavina, born 1863 married Haywood Thomas June 21, 1881. "Aunt Vina and Uncle Haywood," as they became known to everyone, raised their children in the Akinsville-Fortuna community. The children went to Old McDaniel School, later moved and known as Akinsville school.

Children were; Maude Thomas born 1882, married Thomas Roach, who opened a general store around the turn of the century (1902) in Fortuna. During the mining boom days the store was still in operation, until the time of his death in 1932.



James R. Lewis and sons Charles and Benton

His parents came from Ireland. A son Dennis, married Wauxie Dornan; they had one son Bobby Jack Roach.

Minnie Thomas, born 1883, married Alva A. Brenton Nov. 22, 1903. He was the first paid depot agent in Fortuna. Children; Velma Brenton married Alfred F. Martin, twin daughters Dolores and Anita Martin; Ralph Brenton first married Ethel Gish; Russell Brenton married Lena Bisbee.

Bertha Thomas born 1885 married George Bridges June 22, 1912 at Glensted. He was son of James Bridges. Their daughter Katherine Bridges married Jack Williams; a son was Freddie Bridges. This family moved to Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Lemuel Thomas better known as "Lem" born 1887 married Arline Carter, daughter of O.W. Carter who was owner of Carter's Store in Fortuna. One son, Webster Thomas married Virginia Finley in 1936. Lem moved to Tipton and built a home, Service Station and Bus Terminal at Junction 50 and 5, which he ran many years. He was a large land owner of farms both in Morgan and Moniteau counties, owning Dr. Nelson farm and lovely stately home where they spent their weekends.

James R. Lewis's second wife, Julia Ann Cox, born Aug. 4, 1849, married Jan. 31, 1871. She was the daughter of Sarah Atkeson and Wm. Cox and was the mother of two sons.

Charles Lewis was born 1871, married 1893 to Lillie B. Charles daughter of John D. and Mary (Atkeson) Charles and a sister of Sam Charles. They owned one of the first General Stores in Fortuna, their only child Lucille was born there in 1894. Charles died on New Years day 1896, and buried at Liberty.

Thomas B. Lewis remained single, he had joined Rock Spring Church in Morgan Co. at the age of 15. He is buried Masonic Cemetery, Tipton. Julia Ann died at St. Martin, Mo. and buried at Liberty Cemetery. She was a member of Rock Spring church which was just north of St. Martin.

James R. Lewis third wife Lina L. Scroggins born 1854, married Mar. 6, 1895. She was the daughter of Scelissa Estes and Edmund Scroggins. They had one son Cortez Lewis born 1896. His married life was spent in Platte Co. Lina died 1915, buried Freedom Cemetery by her parents.

James R. Lewis, merchant, Postmaster of St. Martin and engaged in farming and stock raising, a member of Rock Spring Methodist Church, died Jan. 6, 1898 and buried by his second wife Julia Ann (Cox) Lewis in old Liberty Cemetery.
*by Omega Charles Hutchison*

## VIRGIL S. LUJIN, JR.

Virgil S. Lujin, Jr. was born in Sedalia, Mo. August 25, 1921 the son of Virgil S. Lujin, Sr. and Lulu Myrtle Renfrow Lujin. He moved to Morgan County in May 1938 with his parents and sister Mary Frances Lujin. He worked with his father for the Sinclair Service Station which was located on the square in Versailles. He graduated from The Versailles High School in 1939. At the beginning of World War II he enlisted in the Naval Air Corp as a pilot and received his wings and commission in October 1943.

Virgil S. Lujin Jr. Family

On March 24, 1943 he married Vallie Louise Guenther. They had three children. Richard Vance born May 25, 1946; Rebecca Anne born October 31, 1950; and Ronald Lee born July 8, 1952.

In August 1946 he went to work for the Carpenter-Guenther Lumber Co. in Versailles and on January 1, 1967 purchased the lumber company.

Richard married Karen Kay Parsons and lives north of Versailles and had a son, Trent Christopher. Terrence Christian born Dec. 27, 1978. Richard went into the lumber business after his discharge from the Marines. Rebecca married Robert W. Hughes and lived in St. Louis, Missouri. They had two daughters, Regan Anne, and Ashley Anne. Ronald lived in Versailles and also worked in the lumber business. *by Vallie Louise Lujin*

## JOHN LUTMAN

John Lutman came to Morgan Co. from Pennsylvania in 1866. He was the son of Everhard Lutman, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. His wife was Sarah Ricedorff and his children were Sam, Dave, Dan, William H., Eliza, Ellen and Sue.

John bought over four hundred acres of land in the Mt. Nebo area. It was on part of this land that William H. lived. In 1869 he married Nancy Johnson. They became the parents of Nettie, Cathern who died in infancy, William, George and Albert. He was a teacher, farmer, pastor, and judge of the Probate Court of Morgan County. He died in 1900. Nettie married Robert Jones.

They farmed near her father's home and raised their two sons, Walter and Lewis. Walter married Ella Simmons. He died in 1914. His daughter, Cleo Wisdom and husband Harvey, moved to Morgan Co. after living in Kansas City. They have two children, Carl and Grace.

Lutman Homestead near Mt. Nebo

Lewis married Harriette Stockton. They lived on the farm with Lewis' parents. Lewis died in 1963, Harriette still lives there. They were parents of two children, Harry and Rachel.

Wedding picture of William H. and Nancy (Johnson) Lutman 1869

John W., born 1876, was a farmer and teacher. His wife was Ada Saling of Holden. They were parents of three daughters, Gladys, Velma (deceased in 1962), and Doris. Gladys lives in Sedalia and Doris in Boonville with her husband, Phil McCauley. They have a son, Steve.

George F. was married to Letitia Morris. They lived on the home place all their married life. He was a farmer and teacher. Their 3 children are Dessie, Claud and Byron. Dessie married Thomas Perkins, they live in Mendon, Mo. They are parents of 3 daughters, Judith, Joyce and Viola. Claud's wife is the former Winifred Hilty. They live in Versailles. Their children are George, Robert and Shirley.

Byron married Hazel Friedly. They were parents of 4 children, Larry, Byronita, William C., and Carmen. Hazel died and Byron married Frances Huff, a widow with three children, Delmar, Laura Ruth, and Leonard Huff. They lived and raised their family on the old place where his grandfather, Wm. H., began housekeeping in 1869. Later the old house was replaced with a new one.

Albert J. married Mabel Reiber. They had two children, Paul and Eva. They were related to the Lutmans in another way. Their great grandmother was Mary Eve Lutman, daughter of Sam Lutman, brother of John, who came to Missouri in 1856. It was Sam who donated the ground for the Mt. Nebo church and cemetery.

Albert also was a teacher and a farmer. His daughter is married to Melvin Roberts and lives in Versailles. Paul married Jo Rasmussen. They lived on a farm near Eldon, where he was killed in a tractor accident in 1974. They had three children, John, Pamela and Tamara.

Part of the original acreage bought by John Lutman over a hundred years ago was owned by a Lutman until three years ago. It would have qualified as a centennial farm during the Bicentennial of 1976. *by Winifred Lutman*

## ROBERT RAYMOND LYLE, M.D.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Lyle (Jean) moved to Versailles in August of 1952, coming from Bremerton, Washington after serving two years on active duty with the U.S. Navy. They had two children, Raymond Lyle, Jr. age 2, and Linda Jean, 11 months. Dr. Lyle was originally a resident of Maryville, Mo. of Nodaway County, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lyle. Jean Lyle was from Hornersville, Mo., Dunklin County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry.

*1st row:* R. Raymond Lyle, M.D., Jean, Shelly Ann; *Back:* Robert Raymond Jr., Linda Jean and David.

Dr. Lyle entered into the general practice of medicine at the Gunn Clinic here with Dr. A.J. Gunn, Dr. Ruth Kauffman and Dr. Jack Gunn. He had formerly been a classmate in medical school with Dr. Jack Gunn at Washington University Medical School in St. Louis.

On March 22, 1953 David Nicholas Lyle was born and on March 3, 1956 Shelley Ann Lyle was born.

They are all members of the United Methodist Church of Versailles.

Robert Raymond Lyle, Jr. is now a practicing dentist in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He is married to the former Carla Marie Hiatt of Bartlesville and are the parents of a son, Robert William Lyle, born January 1, 1979.

Linda Jean married Robert Blake Lee of Neosho, Mo. They live in Joplin, Mo., he is an attorney of law; she a speech pathologist. They have one daughter, Meredith Michelle Lee, age 1 year.

David is now stationed in Rota, Spain, a Lt. (J.G.) with the U.S. Navy — a navigator of the Air Force. He is married to the former Mary Frances McGrane of Independence, Ia., who is also living in Spain.

Shelley Ann graduated in May, 1978 with a degree in nursing and is now working at the Kansas University Medical Center. She resides in Kansas City, Mo.

Following the death of Dr. Lyle's father, Mr. Chester Lyle, his mother, Mrs. Mildred A. Lyle moved to Versailles from

Maryville, Mo. living first at the Kidwell Boarding Home and is now residing at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

## AMBROSE LAMPTON

Ambrose Lampton, whose ancestors came to Missouri from England, Virginia and Kentucky, was born in Cooper County, Mo. in 1820. In 1846 he married Salina Fields, whose parents were formerly of Virginia. They moved to a farm near Mt. Carmel church where their sons, Walter and William were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lampton

Walter moved to Colorado when a young man but William spent most of his life as a farmer near Glensted, Mo.

Arthur and Mary Lampton

William Lampton, b. Nov. 30, 1849, married Mary Susan Rogers. Their children were Aubra, Arthur, Bonnie and Claud. William died in 1920 and Mary died in 1949.

Aubra Lampton, b. Mar. 18, 1882, near Glensted, married Josephine Gulick. Their children are Loyd of California and Lois Manken, Kansas City. Aubra farmed in Morgan County and later worked in Sedalia and Kansas City. They retired to a farm near Syracuse, Mo. and then to Versailles. He died on Mar. 19, 1974.

Arthur Lampton, b. Nov. 21, 1883, married Elsie Gertrude Hanby, daughter of George Newton and Cordelia Jane Hanby, Feb. 17, 1907. She was a granddaughter of Edward and Alverna Hanby and Jasper and Sarah Moon. They lived on a farm north of Versailles for over fifty years. Arthur worked with the Farmers Telephone Co. and Hazel Dell Insurance Co. for over forty years before his death on Sept. 4, 1961. Mrs. Lampton died Sept. 9, 1964. Their children were Wilma, Elmo, Woodrow, Orval, Hilma and Elroy.

Wilma Lampton, a retired school teacher, taught thirty-seven years and lives in Versailles, Mo.

Elmo Lampton married Blanche Thompson of Gainesville, Mo. Mar. 8, 1941. Their children are John of San Antonio, Texas, Terrence of Independence, Mo. and Lawrence of Edmond, Okla. Elmo retired from Armco, Inc. in Kansas City and lives in Independence. They have three grandchildren.

Woodrow Lampton married Hazel Childress of Lupus, Mo. Sept. 9, 1941. They have a daughter, Sandra Keith of Jefferson City. Woodrow works with Zachary Construction Co. in Victoria, Texas.

Orval Lampton married Pauline Fowler of Syracuse, Mo. Sept. 9, 1941. Their children are Ronald, of Sedalia, Bob of San Antonio, Texas and Gloria of Gulf Port, Miss.

Hilma Lampton married Jesse Hull of Knobnoster, Mo. Mar. 28, 1943. Their children are Jim, of Arlington, Texas, Jerry of Eldon, Jackie Imler, Jefferson City, Joe, John, Jan and Jean of the home. There are 7 grandchildren.

Elroy Lampton married Helen Richardson of Sedalia May 31, 1946. Their children are Dianne Hobbs, of Belton, Mo., David, Blue Springs, and Claudia Hirst of Rantoul, Ill. Elroy works at Armco, Inc. in Kansas City and they live near Kingsville, Mo.

Bonnie Lampton, b. Oct. 3, 1887, near Glensted, married Esley Lyles and lived in Morgan County, Sedalia and Kansas City. Bonnie died Dec. 23, 1965. Their sons, Elvin, deceased, and Dillard Esley, Jr. of California.

Claud Lampton, b. Jan. 1, 1890, married Irene Morris. They lived on a farm near Glensted, Sedalia and Kansas City and retired at Hughesville. Claud died Dec. 31, 1969. Their children are Susan Marie Greer and Oscar of Sedalia, and Cewood and Gilbert of Raytown.

Although many Lampton's lived in Morgan County since 1846, only two, Miss Wilma Lampton and Mrs. Hilma Hull, reside in the county now.

## MORRIS A. LAMMERT

Morris A. Lammert and Oma Wilson were married May 9, 1922. They moved to a farm in the Prairie View community northeast of Versailles.

Morris is the son of Henry B. and Eldora Morris Lammert and had two brothers and seven sisters. Henry B. was the son of J.H. Lammert who immigrated to America from Germany in the early 1800's, and settled on the north Moreau Creek northeast of California, Mo. Henry B. was educated in a college at Warrenton, Mo. He was a school teacher and farmer and was the first organist in the old Salem Evangelical Church established in 1848 and is still an active church in 1978.

Eldora Morris Lammert came from Pennsylvania with her parents in 1835. They came by boat down the Susquehanna River to the Ohio, then to the Missouri River, landing at Lupus, Mo. in north Moniteau County, and from there to Russellville, Mo. She was a direct descendant of Robert Morris,

Morris & Oma (Wilson) Lammert

who helped finance the Revolutionary War and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Oma Wilson Lammert is the daughter of Dr. G.S. and Chloe McClure Wilson. She had one brother, Dr. Harold S. Wilson, who died in 1941. Dr. Wilson was a well known physician of his day, who practiced medicine from 1900 until his death in 1940. He served Moniteau, Morgan and surrounding counties from his office at Fortuna, Mo.

Chloe McClure Wilson was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Cotton McClure and Thomas McClure, who was one of the best known cattlemen of Miller County, Mo. He was a veteran of the Civil War in which he was a lieutenant. His horse was shot from under him in the battle of Red River in Arkansas.

Three children were born to Morris A. and Oma Wilson Lammert. Marian was born Feb. 1, 1926, married Edward W. Dolstein. She teaches in the Kansas City school system. Mr. Dolstein is superintendent of maintenance in the post office in Kansas City, Mo. Their children are Sherry (Mrs. John Cobb) of Houston, Texas, and David Lee Dolstein, a flight commander with the Bell Helicopter Co. in Iran.

June was born Oct. 9, 1931 and is married to Robert Garrison. He is assistant manager of the K.C. Bifocal Co. in Versailles. Their children are Lynn, research engineer for Harmon Laboratories and lives in Blue Springs, Mo.

Diane, wife of Gary Garber (who is a funeral director of Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles) and Brian and Joy Garrison of the home.

Morris Wayne, born June 26, 1943 is married to Peggy Shumaker. He is an over-the-road trucker with the Yellow Freight Co. in Kansas City. They live near Versailles.

Morris and Oma Lammert resided on a fa .n in Morgan County for 43 years, retired and bought a home in Versailles in 1965.

They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1972. Morris has been a Mason for 55 years and Oma has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 52 years. Both have been active members of the Baptist Church at Fortuna, Mo. for many years. *by Oma Wilson Lammert*

## JACK V. LEE

Jack V. Lee was the second of seven children born to James Edward Lees and Ola Irene Lyles, who were married in 1903. Ola told her children that the "s" on the end of Lees was unnecessary and, as a result, Jack was one of the children to drop the "s" to make his name officially Lee.

Jack and his family attended Glensted Methodist Church, where Gertrude Mable Todd and her family also went. Gertrude is the daughter of Robert Lee Todd and Vergie Ann Cooper. Gertrude attended Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, Mo. and later married Jack Lee in 1929. They were married in the Todd homestead, still in the family today.

The children of Jack and Gertrude Lee are Ola Virginia, Robert Lloyd and Nelson Eugene, all born in the Todd home.

Jack taught a total of eleven years at Akinsville, Ball, Self Chapel and Berkstresser schools. Gertrude taught only two years at Berkstresser.

They built a farmhouse north of Versailles after their children were born and were prosperous crop and dairy farmers.

Ola Virginia Lee married William Dean Hodges in 1950. Their children are Lynda Gale, Vicki Lee, Ronald Dean, Scott David and Shelley Ann Hodges.

Robert Lloyd Lee married Vivian Lee Allee in 1951. Their children are Bonnie Beth, born in Morgan County, Mo., Randy Brent, Robert Bruce, and Terry Linn, all born in Iowa.

Nelson Eugene Lee married Frances Darlene Coffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Coffman, in 1957. Their children are Diane Linn, Deborah Gay deceased, Cheryl Kay, and Darren Todd Lee. They reside in Morgan County.

Lynda Gale Hodges married Don Honeycutt in 1972. They had one child, Shana Lynn Honeycutt. Lynda married Lloyd Alan Hiller in 1976 and they have two children, Angela Lee and Michael Lloyd Hiller. The family lives in Morgan County.

Vicki Lee Hodges married Mark Hunter Jones in 1973. They have one son, Tye Hunter Jones. They live in Lamonte, Mo.

Bonnie Beth Lee married Dan Stahl in 1973. They have a daughter, Jennifer Lynn. They live in Iowa.

Randy Brent Lee married Barbara Kennedy in 1978. They reside in Iowa.

## IANNAH HIBDON LEE

Iannah Hibdon, youngest daughter of Thomas Martin and Martha Pernicie Hibdon, was born Dec. 2, 1877. She married John Alexander Lee Feb. 22, 1900. They lived in Camden and Morgan Counties all their lives, mostly around Versailles and Gravois Mills. They made a living farming, raising cattle and poultry. They sold eggs, spring chickens, turkeys and geese. They had five daughters and two sons. A stillborn infant was born in 1902.

Iannah Hibdon Lee and John Lee

Effie Edna Lee Hagerman was born Feb. 2, 1903; Raymond Thomas, born Sept. 21, 1904, died Oct. 15, 1962; Connie Lee Allen, born Jan. 23, 1907; Ralph William Lee, born Oct. 25, 1909; Junie Opal Lee, born June 29, 1912, died July 8, 1912; Georgia Pauline Lee Turpin, born Aug. 9, 1913.

Iannah Lee died Oct. 14, 1940 near Barnett at their home. John Lee later married Lizzie Williams in 1947. He died Dec. 14, 1960 at the home of his daughter, Effie Hagerman.

Effie Edna Lee, oldest daughter of John A. and Iannah Hibdon Lee, married Earl William Hagerman. They had no children but took Edward Lee Wood, son of John E. and Pearl Porter Wood when he was 22 months old and raised him. He was born April 17, 1932. He remained with the Hagerman's until he was 20 years old and joined the Korean War.

Effie, Leo and Earl Hagerman

being stationed at Ford Ord, Monterey, Calif. when the war ended.

Earl and Effie lived most of their married life around Versailles and Barnett, except between 1942 and 1967 when they lived at Portersville, Calif.

Earl is a retired Assembly of God minister. His first church was near Tuscumbia in 1934 and a log cabin church near Capps, Mo. They held revival meetings over Missouri and in California. They returned to Missouri in 1967 and retired in Versailles. *by Effie Edna Lee Hagerman*

## JAMES LEE

James Lee came from Illinois to Missouri with his family when he was a small child. They settled in Laclede County in the early 1840's. James (Jim) married Mary Garr in 1861. They came to Morgan County and settled on a farm on Indian Creek, southeast of Gravois Mills, near the Indian Creek School, also known as the Rastorfer School. The farm was later owned by the late Everett Jobe and is now inundated by the waters of the Lake of the Ozarks.

Pauline and Herman Turpin

Jim and Mary made their living farming. They had three children. A daughter, Susan, born in 1863 married Reuben Minson and they raised their family in Oklahoma and Texas. She died in Houston, Texas in 1945.

Their son, George Marshall Lee, born March 24, 1865, married Docie Wray. They lived around Barnett, Mo. and he died April 7, 1955.

William Henry Lee, born Oct. 23, 1868 never married. Lived most of his life around Barnett and Versailles. Died Oct. 1, 1963.

Mary Lee died in the early 1870's. Jim married Cynthia Hunter in 1876 and they had one son, John Alexander, born April 6, 1878. Cynthia died in 1880, when John was two years old.

Jim died in 1894 at the old home place where he had lived and raised his family. John was 16 years old at the time of his father's death. He made his home with his half brother, Marshall, who had bought the old home place. He got his schooling at Rastorfer School near his home.

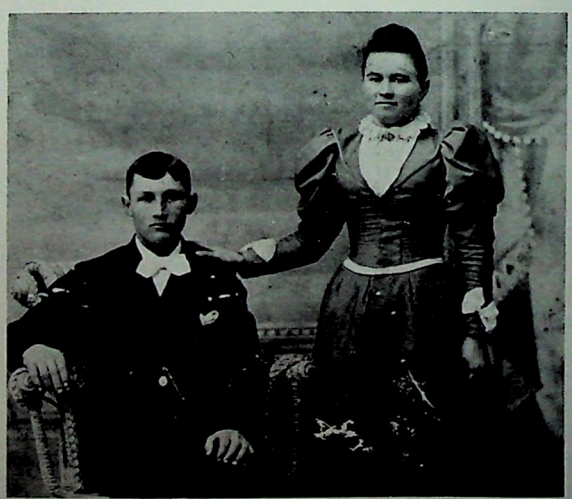
At age 22 he married Iannah Hibdon on Feb. 2, 1900. They lived in Camden and Morgan Counties all their lives. Farming was their main source of making a living. They had seven children, whose names are mentioned in the Hibdon history elsewhere in this book.

Georgia Pauline, the youngest daughter, was born Aug. 9, 1913 and married Herman A. Turpin Aug. 25, 1934. He was born Aug. 13, 1907 and died Sept. 18, 1978. They lived in Morgan County all their lives making their living farming, raising cattle and working in the timber. They had no children.

Herman spent his last years on their farm four and one-half miles south of Versailles on Highway 5. Georgia Pauline still lives there. *by Georgia Pauline Turpin*

## EDWIN ELI LEHMAN

Edwin Eli Lehman was born Dec. 6, 1872 on a farm ten miles northeast of Versailles. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman, came to Morgan County from Wayne County, Ohio in 1866.



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eli Lehman

Their ten children were Rose, Carrie, Daniel, Sarah, William, Solomon, Mary, Jack, Edwin and Walter. On Dec. 3, — Edwin married Caroline Docia Welty, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Welty, born May 3, 1873. Both her parents came

from Wayne County, Ohio in 1867 and settled near Fortuna, Mo. She had two sisters, Mary Gerber and Bertha Hofstetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman lived on his home place one mile south of Bethel Mennonite Church, where one daughter and five sons were born. The daughter, Gertrude Lucreta, born Oct. 17, 1897, married Raymond Marlin of Little Rock, Ark. on Jan. 9, 1937. On Nov. 25, 1937 their daughter, Mary Caroline, was born. She married William Serbousek of St. Louis. She has one daughter, Linda Carol, born Oct. 27, 1977, and two stepsons, Carl and Stewart. They are living at Little Rock, Ar.

Lewis Webster was born Aug. 29, 1899. He went to Booker, Texas in 1921. On May 18, 1929 he married Enid Barker of La Kamp, Okla. She was born July 18, 1910. Their two sons born at Booker were Edwin Wallace, Jan. 25, 1933, lives in Champaign, Ill. and Wayne was born Oct. 5, 1934. The family moved to a farm near Milo, Mo. where Wayne and his mother now live. Lewis died Oct. 9, 1977.

Luther James, born Oct. 7, 1901. He lived in Kansas City where he married Sherrill Arnold on Sept. 3, 1928. She was born April 19, 1906 in Oklahoma. Their son, James Luther, was born June 24, 1929. He married Henrietta Rohr of Buffalo, Okla. They have three daughters, Diana, Jamie and Sherrill. Luther died Nov. 17, 1971. His wife and son and family live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Samuel William, born Jan. 29, 1905, married Delma Williams Feb. 25, 1928. She was born April 10, 1906 at Barnett, Mo. They lived on Sam's home place 37 years. Their two sons were Samuel Edwin, born May 6, 1933, and Daryl, born Aug. 13, 1940, died July 31, 1957.

Samuel Edwin married Mary Willis of Versailles Sept. 25, 1958. Their children are Dail, Gail and Cheryl Ann. They live at Center, Mo.

Keiffer Roland Lehman, born April 24, 1907, married Lee Anna Ross Dec. 23, 1929. She was born Jan. 6, 1910 at Otterville, Mo. daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Ross. Keiffer and Lee Anna had two sons, Ross and Harvey, and a daughter, Lee Carole. Keiffer Ross, born Nov. 29, 1930, married Betty Gambel of Red Oak, Ia., now living at St. Paul, Minn. Their children are Debbie, Angela, Dee, Jim and Wendy.

Harvey, born Jan. 1, 1938 at Barnett, married Marlene Maxwell of Red Oak, Ia. Their children are Dave, Craig and Krista. They live at Rockford, Ill.

Lee Carole, born at Versailles Feb. 17, 1946, married Leo Grossman of North Dakota. They now live at Wabasso, Minn. Their children are Sheila, Shan and Messlie Lee. Keiffer and Lee Anna moved to Red Oak in 1948, where they now live.

Dana Lehman, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lehman, was born April 26, 1909. On Oct. 2, 1936 he married Hazel Madden, born Aug. 17, 1914 in Minn. They moved to Fairbury, Nebr. where their sons, Robert Eugene, born Dec. 7, 1941, and Richard Lee, born April 4, 1941, were born. Robert married Barbara Johnson of Tipton. His stepchildren are Mark, Marsha and Linda.

Richard married Margie Fewell in 1960. Their children are Richard, Charles and Terra. On Sept. 21, 1974 Richard married Kelly.

In 1968 Dana and Hazel moved to a farm near Atlantic, Ia. Dana died Mar. 8, 1977. His wife and son, Richard, and wife, are now living.

## HIRAM P. LEHMAN

Hiram P. Lehman was the son of Elizabeth Wingard and Peter C. Lehman, both parents are buried at Prarie View Church in Morgan County, Mo.

Hiram was born in Jamestown, Pa. Dec. 11, 1853 and came to Morgan County with his parents, where he met and married Dicia Jane Newkirk, Dec. 22, 1881. She was born Dec. 9, 1862 the daughter of Margaret Ellen Hays and John Thomas Newkirk. All but two of their 10 children were born on what is

Hiram P. Lehman Family

*Front, l-r:* Hiram D., Hiram P., Dicia, Ruth, Dicia Jane; *Back:* Margaret, Kate, Wm. Thomas, Marian, Bertha Lucy.

now known as the Elmer Lercher farm south of Fortuna, Mo. on Hwy. 5 in Morgan County, in the St. Martin Community.

The older children went to St. Martin Rural school and the family attended the Prarie View Church. Around 1895 Hiram Lehman traded farms with Elmer Lercher and the Lehman families moved to Benton County, Mo.

Margaret, the oldest daughter, married Arthur Rust and with his parents moved to Colorado in a covered wagon. They lived in Longmont, Colo. and Margaret thought it was such a beautiful place and was so homesick for her folks, she persuaded them to move to Colorado. So the Hiram Lehman family made the move westward, as land was opened for homesteading. Hiram, together with two of Hiram's wife's brothers, Jeff and Walter Newkirk from Morgan County, went to Weld County, Colo. and homesteaded.

They had to live on homestead five years in order to "prove up" on it and it would be theirs. The Lehmans lived here seven years, so the farm was theirs. Soon after, some very close neighbors wanted them to move to California with them. So Hiram and Mr. Holmes rented what they called "Emigrant Car" and took all of their household goods and stock they wanted. Hiram went with the emigrant car by freight train and the family by passenger train. They stayed in California about six years then moved back to Colorado.

As they grew older the children persuaded them to come back to California. Hiram died in San Jose, Calif. in 1933 and Dicia Jane died in Oakland, Calif. in 1952 but both are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colo.

Hiram and Dicia Jane (Newkirk) Lehman children born south of Fortuna in Morgan County are:

Margaret Lehman born Jan. 12, 1883 married Arthur Rust Sept. 8, 1901. Margaret died 1943, Cushing, Okla.

America Ann Lehman born April 29, 1884, died July 26, 1884, buried Prarie View Cemetery, Morgan County.

William Thomas Lehman born July 20, 1886, married Mary Schmidt Sept. 6, 1910. William died 1928, in Denver, Colo.

Sophia Kate Lehman born Sept. 17, 1888. First married Charles Bodkin 1905, then to Roy Stephen Daniel 1913. Kate died 1975 in Calif.

Lucy Myrtle Lehman born April 11, 1890 married Peter Scheurn 1908. Lucy died 1941 in Denver, Colo.

Marian Virginia Lehman born Feb. 3, 1892 married Ellis Burns. She died 1951 at Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Bertha Ryan Lehman born Oct. 11, 1894 married Marvis Robinson Feb. 3, 1913. Second marriage, Wilbur Terry. Third marriage, Leo Stevens, living in Calif.

Naoma "Ruth" Lehman born Jan. 11, 1897 married Harland Loring Macy, June 14, 1922. Three children: Robert Macy born 1923; Winifred Ruth Macy born 1929; and Jane Elizabeth born 1931. Ruth lives with son Bob in Canon City, Colo.

Dicia Lucille Lehman born March 8, 1899 near Fairfield, Mo., Benton County, married Benjamin Waldo Vell July 3, 1917. Living in California.

Hiram David Lehman born Oct. 28, 1901 near Fairfield, Mo. Benton County, never married, died Dec. 7, 1936 at Phoenix, Ariz. *By Ruth Lehman Macy*

## PETER P. LEHMAN, JR.

Peter P. Lehman, Jr. was the first minister of Bethel Mennonite Church, eight miles northeast of Versailles. He was one of nine children who came to Missouri in the spring of 1866. His parents were born in Bern, Switzerland and came to Wayne County, Ohio, near Dalton, in 1820.

Peter's two older brothers, John and Christ, stayed in Ohio. Peter's oldest sister, who married Ulrich Aeschbacher, came with her husband to Missouri in the same group. The younger brothers and sisters, were Daniel, Simeon, Moses, William Tell, Elizabeth, Molly and Kate, all living with their parents, and Peter, the oldest child at home.

On Feb. 1, 1868 Peter, Jr. went back to Sonnenberg community in Kidron, Ohio. On Feb. 6, 1886 he married Barbara

Peter P. Lehman
First Minister of
Bethel Mennonite Church

Welty, his teenage sweetheart. Soon after their marriage they came to Tipton, Mo. They were met at the Missouri Pacific station by Peter Lehman, Sr. and two sons, with a wagon and hack to meet the newlyweds and haul their things.

In March Peter and Barbara moved to a 144-acre farm 1½ miles west and one-fourth mile south of Bethel Mennonite Church. They lived on the farm until Barbara's death in 1894.

In 1871 he was elected as minister of Bethel Church. That year he attended school at Wadsworth, Ohio and in 1873 took up the work as minister and served Bethel Church for thirty-two years. Visiting ministers assisted from time to time.

A daughter, Clara Matilda, was born Jan. 12, 1870. She grew up in the community but was never married.

"Preacher Pete" as Rev. Lehman was known to the community, had five sons that grew up in Morgan County. They all grew up, married and farmed in the Bethel community.

The oldest, Albert, married Bertha Gerber. They had two daughters, Ella, (Mrs. Jesse Wenger) and Elda, Mrs. Oliver E. Baumgartner. Albert died March 9, 1901. Edmond L., younger son of Peter Lehman, Jr., married his brother, Albert's wife, his sister-in-law. They had four daughters, Freda, LaVera, Dorothea and Velma.

Joseph Allen, the third son, married Bertha Garber, a cousin to his brother's wife, Edmond. They had eight children: Warren, Herman, Mildred, Roland, Joe, Jr., Quinten, and twins, Daniel and Samuel.

John Melvin, the fourth son of "Preacher" Pete, married Ida Garber. Their children were Nadine, Melva, Wilbert, Clara, Peter, Viola, Bertha and Ella Mae. Walter Thomas, the fifth son of Peter and Barbara Lehman, married Alpha Loganbill. Their children were Tilman, Ruth and Eldon.

On Jan. 21, 1894 his wife died. Also Peter, Jr.'s mother died five days later.

No salary was paid the minister during those years. Sometimes a thank offering was taken and members would help at times with the farm work when the children were small. "Preacher Pete" had a farm hand most of the time to do field work and chores until the boys were old enough to do this work.

In 1900 Peter, Jr. went to Bern, Switzerland to marry his second wife, Barbara Soldner. They came back here to live on his farm and to preach at Bethel Church. He served until 1905.

In June Rev. D.D. King took full charge.

Rev. M.S. Moyer helped Rev. Lehman in teaching German school and did some preaching from 1878 to March, 1901. Rev. Peter P. Lehman died March 27, 1919. *by Warren Lehman*

## BENJAMIN LETCHWORTH

Among the earlier settlers in what is now Morgan County was Benjamin Letchworth, who moved here in 1817, from Virginia. He was born in Hanover County, Va., in 1757, of Eng-

lish parents. Benjamin Letchworth fought in the Revolutionary War battles of Brandywine, Trenton and Princeton.

Benjamin married Eleanor Adams in Hanover County, Va., in 1782. They were the parents of one son, Thomas Jefferson Letchworth, born in 1787, who accompanied his parents to Missouri.

Thomas Letchworth married Mary Polly Chism in 1821, in Cooper County, Mo. The couple had three daughters: Susan, Martha and Elizabeth; and two sons: Joseph Howard and Jacob Chism.

Joseph married Lucy Brown in 1854. They were the parents of two sons, John and Walter, and two daughters, Georgia Ann and Lucy Belle. John married Rebecca Knoop in 1895. Walter married Jennie Callison in 1885. Georgia Ann married James E. Morris in 1879. Walter Letchworth died in Montana in 1937. Joseph Letchworth died on Jan. 13, 1868.

Jacob Chism Letchworth married Lucy Brown Letchworth, his brother's widow, in 1869. They were the parents of three children: Jennie, Thomas Jefferson and Charles Percival. Jennie married William Schaper. Thomas Jefferson married Blanche Stevens in Cooper County. They were the parents of one son, Gordon Letchworth, who graduated from Wentworth Military Academy, served in both World Wars, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Charles Percival Letchworth married Minnie Schaper. They had two sons, Dorsey Melvin Letchworth, born Aug. 14, 1899, and Lloyd Henry Letchworth, born May 29, 1904.

Dorsey Melvin Letchworth married Barcie Opal Talbott on Sept. 1, 1925. They are the parents of two children, Beverly Ann and Richard Dorsey. Beverly Ann married Robert M. Koehler on Dec. 19, 1948 and they are the parents of two daughters: Jan Roberta, born June 12, 1961, and Laura Ann, born May 29, 1963. Richard Dorsey Letchworth married Charlene Jo Thoss on May 20, 1956. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter: Michael Richard, born Mar. 9, 1957; David Mark, born July 5, 1958; and Susan Jo born Mar. 30, 1969.

Lloyd Henry Letchworth married Daisy Mae Nove on July 24, 1928. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter: Charles William, born Mar. 24, 1934; James Lloyd, born June 2, 1938; and Sharon Leigh, born June 30, 1949. Charles married Beverly Hassermer; they are the parents of three children: Cynthia, Lynne and William Charles. James married Patricia Archey and they bore three children: Deborah, Diane and Robert. Sharon Leigh Letchworth married Kenneth Norris. They are the parents of one son, Jonathan David, born July 1, 1977. *Submitted by Mrs. Dorsey Letchworth*

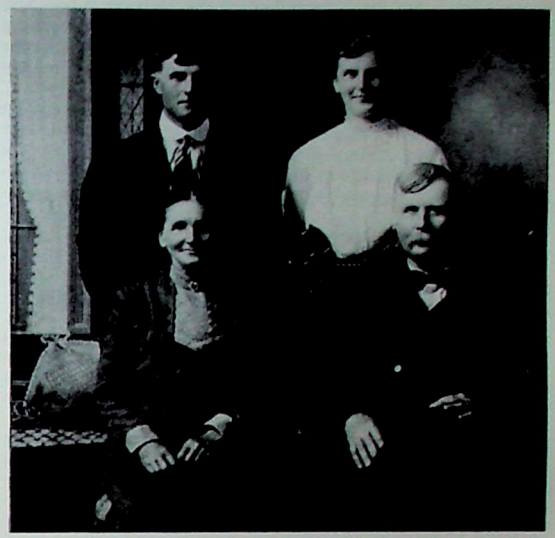
## BENJAMIN F. LOGANBILL

Benjamin F. Loganbill was born July 8, 1856 in Wayne County, Ohio, the eldest of five children of John and Sarah Moser Loganbill. His mother and grandparents, Christian and Anna Gerber Loganbill, were born in Canton, Bern Switzerland.

He was married to Elizabeth L. Lehman, daughter of John and Elizabeth Lehman of Wayne County, near Kidron, Ohio, on Jan. 5, 1885. Shortly thereafter they purchased a farm about a mile west of Excelsior, Mo. where they established their home, eventually building a new house in 1898, later followed by other outside buildings.

Their children were Alpha Aletha, born Jan. 4, 1886, who married Thomas W. Lehman Mar. 28, 1912. They had three children, Tilman V., Mar. 10, 1913, now of Versailles; Ruth E., born July 10, 1914, now of Laurie, Mo., who married Herbert Aeschbacher Dec. 3, 1939 and are the parents of two daughters, Myrna L., born Dec. 4, 1940, now Mrs. Dave Sherman of Laurie, who has two sons, Mark David, May 9, 1966, and Scott Reece, Aug. 10, 1971. Elaine J., May 1, 1945, now Mrs. Don Ernst of Tipton, Mo., who has two sons, Kirby Don, June 7, 1967, and Jay Richard, Mar. 24, 1971.

Eldon W., July 16, 1916, now of California, Mo., married Ruth Meyer of California Apr. 6, 1941. Their children are



*1st. row:* Elizabeth Loganbill and Benjamin Loganbill; *Back:* Alpha Loganbill and Delbert Loganbill.

Thomas W., Sept. 5, 1946, now of Bolingbrook, Ill., who married Nancy Rohrbach, Aug. 9, 1970, and they have two daughters, Erin Leigh, Aug. 2, 1976, and Christine Lynn, July 3, 1978; Don C., Feb. 17, 1952, of Washington, Mo.

Ella C., born Oct. 2, 1890, died two years later; Delbert C., born Nov. 2, 1893, married Cleola Phillips of Barnett, Mo. and they had three children, Juanita, Nov. 29, 1916, now Mrs. Lloyd O'Neal of Redlands, Calif., who has two daughters, Dorothy, Jan. 11, 1938, now Mrs. Charles Black of Redlands, who has two daughters, Peggy and Pamela.

Donna O'Neal, Oct. 7, 1942, who is a teacher in California. Vencil, July 28, 1918, died at age 6. Viola, June 27, 1920, Now Mrs. Jim Holcomb, of Burbank, Calif. She has one son, Billy Dean, Oct. 21, 1942, of Burbank, Calif.

An infant daughter died.

Benjamin Loganbill died Mar. 2, 1919, having lived his entire life on the same place. His wife, Elizabeth, died Sept. 24, 1933. Both buried in Bethel Mennonite Cemetery. *by Mrs. Ruth Aeschbacher*

## HARRY NELSON LUTMAN MD

Dr. Harry Nelson Lutman was born in Morgan County July 7, 1871, a son of George W. and Nancy Wallace Lutman. George was born in Perry County, Pa. Oct. 28, 1841 and came to Morgan Co. in 1866. They had three children, John M.W. Lutman, who died at age eleven in 1884, Nancy J. Lutman Windsor, and Harry Nelson Lutman. George was a physician and surgeon. He also taught several terms of school. George died in 1892 in Pettis County, Mo. and his wife died in 1874.

Harry N. grew up at Lutman Postoffice, where he attended school and later attended Central Business College at Sedalia and Central Missouri State Teachers College at Warrensburg. He taught schools in Pettis, Benton and Morgan Counties.

In 1895 he began the study of medicine under a private preceptor at St. Louis and that fall entered Barnes Medical College in St. Louis. He was graduated in 1899, having partly financed his college expense by filling the position of deputy circuit clerk and recorder of Morgan County for a year and a half.

For five years after his graduation from medical college, Dr. Lutman practiced medicine at Folsom, N.M. and in 1904 returned to Versailles. He was consulting physician and surgeon and was local physician for the Missouri Pacific Railroad for

many years. He was a member of the Missouri State and American Medical Associations. He was a medical officer during World War I. He volunteered Aug. 1, 1917 and was given a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps.

After a month at Medical Officers' Training School at Fort Riley, KS he was commissioned a captain and assigned duty at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas. While there he was made regimental surgeon of the 315th Engineers and subsequently was transferred to the ward service in the base hospital.

He continued on active duty until May 6, 1919.

He married Ina M. Witten, daughter of John and Sarah E. Witten of Morgan County in 1899.

To them one daughter, Harriet Elizabeth, was born. Mrs. Lutman died in 1921.

Elizabeth, who was born in Versailles Jan. 14, 1905, taught French and English in Versailles High School and Southeast Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, Mo. She studied for one year at Paris, France and taught French in a private school in Long Island, N.Y. until she retired in 1974.

She was married to John Gordon from whom she was later divorced. They had no children. Elizabeth died unexpectedly at her apartment in Long Island, Jan. 7, 1975.

Dr. and Mrs. Lutman and Elizabeth are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## JOHN B. LUMPEE

John B. Lumpee (1843-1906) married Margarett Preston (1849-1921).

John B. Lumpee House

John Lumpee owned several buildings and business places near the courthouse in Versailles, Morgan County.

He and his son, John B., Jr. (1870-1954) operated a General Merchandise Store in first block on North Monroe Street.

John B. and Margarett Lumpee built a new home on Jasper St. now owned by Mrs. Norman Boeschen.

Their family was three sons and three daughters: John B. Jr. (1870-1954) married Maude Manning (1870-1952); Neva Lumpee Taylor (1872-1967); Josephine Lumpee Kavanaugh (1877-1910) married Chas. W. Kavanaugh, had two sons, Lorenzo (1900-1974) and Jack (1904-1944); Ola Lumpee Merchant (still living) married Luther O. Merchant (1879-1959); Thornleigh Lumpee (1890-1934); Forest Lumpee (1875-1878).

*by Ruby Kavanaugh*

## GEORGE MADDOX

George Maddox was born in 1779 in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Arriving in Morgan County, Missouri in the early 1800's with his wife, Francis, they received a land grant from U.S. President James K. Polk. They built their home on their thirty-nine acres near the Richland Creek and lived there until their deaths in 1855. Both are buried in the Florence Church Cemetery, Florence, Missouri. Their twelve children (some born in Virginia — some in Kentucky, where records show that the family resided at one time in Maysville, KY) were: John, James, Henry, George, Andrew Jackson, Willoby (married Martha Susan Shirley), Elizabeth, Jane (married Andrew Baty), Frances (married John P. Porter), Leveny, Eliza and Dicy (married (1) William Shirley (2) William Gillmore).

George W. and Mary Ann Mattox

Andrew Jackson Maddox was married June 17, 1841 to Miss Caroline Porter, the daughter of Sarah and John Porter, natives of North Carolina. Jackson and Caroline Maddox were the parents of Will, John, George W. and Malinda. It is thought that A.J. Maddox went to California in 1849 in the "Gold Rush" and old newspapers clippings list his death as "On the Plains" in 1852. Caroline Porter Maddox later married William J. King on April 26, 1860.

George Washington Mattox was born March 6, 1845. At age 16, he enlisted with the Confederate States Army at Camp Price near Sedalia, Missouri, along with his brother, John. (His brother, Will, enlisted with the United States Union Army). Young George W. served with Company D, 2nd Missouri Regiment, Infantry Volunteers and engaged in numerous skirmishes and campaigns, the major battles being the Battle of Pea Ridge (Arkansas); the Battle of Vicksburg (Mississippi) and the Battle of Atlanta (Georgia), where he was captured in the fall of Atlanta on September 3, 1864. As a prisoner of war he was sent to three different southern Military Prisons and finally to Camp Douglas, Illinois near Chicago, where, after months in prison, he enlisted with the U.S. Union Army on April 1, 1865.

Following his discharge from Fort Laramie, Wyoming, he returned to Morgan County where he married Miss Martha Stallions. They had two daughters, Mary E. (Married George Richardson) and Emely Caraline. After the death of his wife, Martha, in 1871, he met and later married Miss Mary Ann Green on July 6, 1879. She was the daughter of Noah S. Green of New York.

George W. and Mary Ann Mattox lived on a farm near Akinsville and had thirteen children: William Elmer (married (1) Lula Finley (2) Clara Wetzig), Myrtie May (married Roy Irey), Andrew Jackson (married Orel Kerns), Josey Malinda (married (1) Clyde Atkinson (2) Ithamar Joshua Knapp), Benjamin E. (Unmarried), Ola (married Charles C. Ashcraft), Clora Ann (married Austin S. Ball), Eliza Edna (Unmarried), George Erven (married Bertha Fickess), Noah Edgar (married (1) Zina Lowman (2) Alta Frazee), Alpha Leona (married Andy C. Ashcraft) Susie Ethel (married (1) Loren McCalister (2) Arthur Mobley) and Shelby Thomas (married Fern Herd). Daughter Clora Ann Mattox married Austin Sumner Ball, son of another long time Morgan County family and their family

of four children is listed in the resume of the Ball Family, John Shelton Ball. *Compiled and submitted by James N. Ball*

## JOHN MADOLE

In early records the name Madole was spelled in different ways such as Medole, McDole, and Madole. The latter spelling has been used by the Madoles of Morgan County.

John Madole was born in Ireland and came to America with his father (who was of Scotch descent) when he was a small boy around 1770. He married Margaret (Peggy) Baker in South Carolina where their older children were born. They moved to Logan County, Kentucky, by 1811. John died in 1816 and his wife died in 1826. John and Margaret had ten children: Jane, Samuel, William, Mary (Polly), Sarah, Robert, Thoman, John, Hiram, and Elizabeth. Four of the ten children left Kentucky and came to Missouri settling in and around Morgan County. They were Samuel, Mary, Hiram and Elizabeth.

Sarah Ross and Samuel Madole

Samuel Madole was born in 1798 in South Carolina. On January 10, 1821, in Logan County, Kentucky, he married Sarah Ross on her twenty-third birthday. Samuel and Sarah came to Morgan County in 1840. They settled on Gravois Creek about three miles south of Millville. Samuel died in 1866 and Sarah in 1886. Both were buried in Big Rock Cemetery.

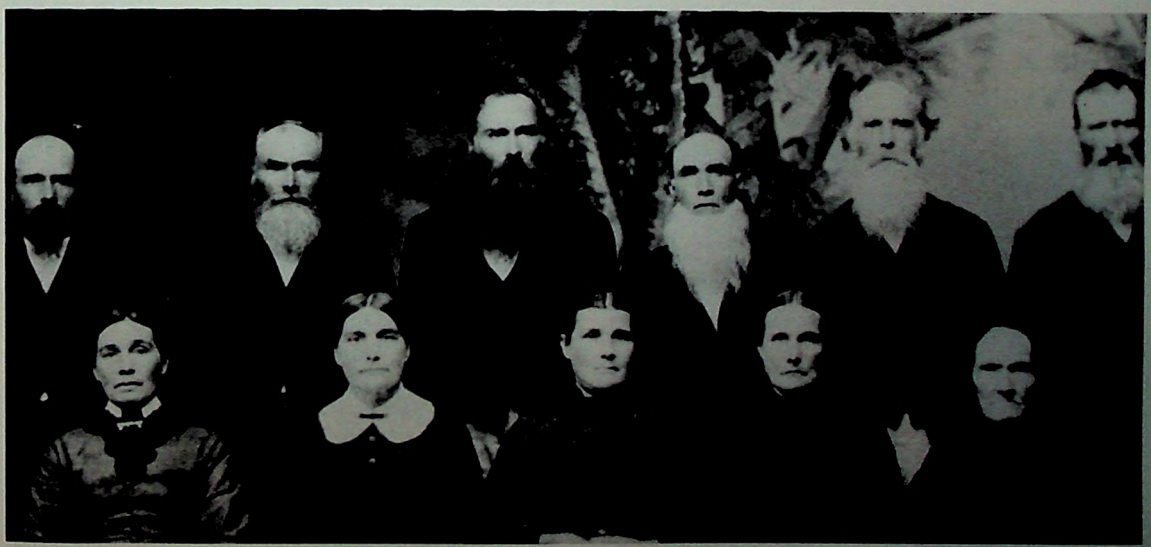
Samuel and Sarah had twelve children all of which were born in Kentucky. The children were John (1821-1905), Mary (1823-1863), Dudley (1825-1860), Albert (1827-1905), Hiram (1828-1912), Margaret (1830-1904), Franklin (1831-1914), Andrew (1834-1914), Sarah (1837-1910) and Melissa (1840-1918).

Hiram Madole grew up in Kentucky. On February 10, 1835 he married Catherine Campbell of Tennessee. They followed his brother to Morgan County about 1845. They had four children: Susan (1842-1909), Mary (1845), James (1851-1949) and Samuel who died in infancy. Hiram and Catherine secured title to several hundred acres of land owned by the government. They built a stone house on this land near Barnett, Missouri. The rocks used in the house were quarried from a place on the farm. The house was used as a postoffice during the Civil War. Hiram Madole was the first postmaster of the Barnett community. The stone house stands today as it did more than a hundred years ago.

Mary (Polly) Madole (1802-1874) married Asa Clayton in 1823. He died and she married Jospeh Adcock (1808-1863) in 1857. Later in the same year they came to Missouri and later were buried in Salem Cemetery in Miller County. Mary had no children.

Elizabeth Madole (1813-1868) married Josiah Williams (1806-1882) in 1831. They moved to Morgan County and settled about four miles norhteast of Versailles in the Walnut Grove neighborhood. They were buried in Versailles Cemetery. The nine children of Josiah and Elizabeth were Martha, Mary, Margaret, Richard, Samuel, Josiah, John ("Uncle Jack" — a famous Morgan County citizen who lived to be 104 years old) and Edwin.

The four children of John and Margaret Madole who came from Kentucky to establish homes in Missouri left many descendants in Morgan and Miller Counties. Other descendants have scattered from their ancestral Missouri Homes and pur-



Samuel Madole Family 1885

*L Front:* Melissa, Sally, Martha, Margaret and Sarah Ross Madole;
*Back:* Newton, Andrew, Franklin, Hiram, Albert and John.

sue occupations in many states. *by Nadine Madole McDonald*

## FRANKLIN ROSS MADOLE

Franklin Madole (1831-1914), son of Samuel and Sarah Ross Madole, was born in Logan County, Kentucky. He came to Morgan County in 1840 with his parents and eleven brothers and sisters. He married Sophia Harlow who died with their infant in 1860. Sophia and the infant were among the first to be buried in Big Rock Cemetery.

Hiram Madole Home

After the death of his wife and son, Franklin joined the Confederate Army, serving as a Second Lieutenant until the War ended in 1865. He was discharged at Jackson, Mississippi, and traveled from there to Oxford, Mississippi, where he met and married a cousin, Nancy Ann Ross (1838-1916). He brought his bride to Missouri where three of their children were born. In 1870, the family moved to Madison County, Texas, where ten other children were born. Franklin became a cotton farmer with the help of his sons. He and his wife lived on their farm near Madisonville the remainder of their lives. They were buried in the Oxford Cemetery near their home. Their thirteen children were Elizabeth, Irene, Walker, Lucian, Hiram Morgan, Sarah, Andrew, Garland, Flavelia, Daniel, Bertha, Franklin and Samuel.

*Three Generations - l-r:* Hiram, Richard and Franklin Madole.

One son, Hiram (1872-1926) came to Missouri in 1890 to visit some Madole relatives. He liked the climate and farming conditions and decided to remain in the state. On March 4, 1896, he married Arminda K. Nichols (1872-1953) a Morgan County schoolteacher who was the daughter of Richard and Isabel Williams Nichols. Hiram Morgan Madole was known as "Texas Hi" to distinguish him from several other Hiram Madoles in the County.

Hiram and Minda lived on a farm purchased from her family near Barnett, Missouri where he was a farmer and stockman. They built a home adjoining an existing structure in 1913. "Hi" suffered from the influenza of 1918 and never completely recovered. He died in 1926. His widow lived and farmed on their land until she died in 1953. The Madoles were the parents of four children. Identical twins, Gladys Drummond and Gwendolyn Ross, were born in 1903. A third daughter, Nadyne, was born in 1905 followed by a son, Richard Franklin, in 1909. When the three girls completed the elementary curriculum at East Prairie School, their parents purchased a small house in Versailles in order that their children might continue their education. All four were graduates of Versailles High School and Nadyne and Richard graduated from the University of Missouri. Richard still lives on and farms the family farm of his parents and grandparents. The three sisters live in Versailles.

Gladys taught school for several years before she married Clint Akin in 1928. They farmed on several locations in the County before their retirement. Their daughter Carol is married to Woodson Moore. Carol also was a teacher prior to the birth of her daughter Cynthia Jane in 1972. The Moores live in Gladstone, Missouri. Gwendolyn was a school teacher when she married George Bradshaw in 1939. They farmed the Bradshaw Farm until their retirement. They have one daughter, Kathleen, who is married to Charles Jobe. The Jobes and their daughter Kristie (1975- ) live in a home they have constructed themselves near Jefferson City. Nadyne married Michael *Moss* McDonald in 1939. She was a school teacher for forty years. The McDonald's daughter Helen Ann, her husband Tony Jahan Shaw, and their two children, David and Jackie, live in Kansas City North. Ann is also a teacher. *by Moss McDonald*

## OLIN MAHNKEN

Olin Edwin Mahnken of Florence, Mo. was born Sept. 24, 1907 and married Cora Adeline Rehmer on May 1, 1933 at Lake Creek. Cora was born July 10, 1914 and is the daughter of Flossie Bell Sanders 1892-1920 whose parents were Harvey A. and Sally Virginia (Steele) Sanders. Cora's father was Emil Paul Rehmer, who was born in 1885 and died in 1960.

Olin Mahnken is a carpenter and retired farmer. Their children are Leo Lloyd, Delores Jean, Eugene Emil and Linda Karen.

Leo Mahnken was born Aug. 17, 1934 and married Carole Sue Chilcoat at Florence, Mo. They have a son, Jeffery Dean and live east of Florence where Leo is a mechanic in his own shop.

Delores Jean Mahnken was born at Florence, Mo. on Oct. 21, 1937 and married Alvin H. Nolting, who is an automotive body repairman in Stover. Their children are Gary Alan, Jimmy Creton and Brenda Jean.

Eugene Emil Mahnken was born at Florence, Mo. on March 24, 1945. He married Helen Marie Hampy. Their children are Michael Kevin, Brian and Derrick. They live in Smithton where Eugene is a mechanic.

Linda Karen Mahnken was born Nov. 5, 1948 and married Randy Harold Randall in 1966. Their children are Lori Ann, Harold Alvin and Michael Gene. They are divorced and Linda attends State Fair College.

## WILLIAM ROBERT MANLEY

William R. Manley, father of Bonnelle (Manley) White, Mrs. Andrew F. White, was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1877, on his father's farm between Dockery and Knoxville, Ray County, Missouri.

He was the son of James Elijah Manley, born 1850-died 1889, on his father's farm. His mother was Elizabeth Helen Bales, born March 22, 1854-died April 28, 1931. His parents

Daisie (Lee) Manley, Isabelle, William R. Manley and George

were married in 1875. There were six children, Lucy, William Robert, Angeline, James Elijah, Walter, and Ella.

Elizabeth Manley and her six children are buried in the Sunny Slope Cemetery, Richmond, Missouri. Elizabeth's husband, James is buried in the McDonald Cemetery, renamed Dockery, close by the Dockery Church, originally known as the Missouri Valley Southern Baptist Church when the first church was built in 1839. One of the builders and charter member was William Robert Manley, who came with his family to Ray County, Missouri in 1838.

James' grandfather, William Robert, was born in 1808 and his grandmother, Mary McKnight, was born in 1812 in Strawberry Plains, Knox County, Tennessee. They lived on their farm in the Tennessee River Valley before they left in 1838 for Ray County, Missouri, where several families of their neighborhood had settled in 1826. Other families had joined them.

One of these pioneer families, near Buscumbe, was William Bales and Elizabeth Helen (Adamson) Bales, originally from Virginia, who had settled here in 1826 with their family. They were the parents, Elizabeth Helen (Bales) Manley, mother of William R. Manley, and the wife of James Elijah Manley, his father.

Elizabeth's father had been mustered into Captain Sharp's company, Tennessee Militia, in December 1814 and honorably discharged when peace was declared. It was then that he decided to go West.

The Manley families of Strawberry Plains came West in 1838. They came to Knoxville, Tennessee to join a wagon train of thirty-eight ox-drawn covered wagons of pioneers whose destination was the northwestern part of Missouri.

The wagon train followed the trail through the "Cumberland Gap", on to St. Louis, then north up the eastern side of the Missouri River toward Buscumbe, a small settlement of six or seven pioneer families located in the Knoxville, Missouri region.

The six Manley boys, Robert, William, Samuel, Elijah, John, and James, all unmarried, came also with their parents in 1838. When they reached Buscumbe, Elijah left the family and continued on to southeastern Iowa where he settled near Mt. Ayre. Samuel left, too, and followed the Missouri River to Clay County and crossed it at Westport Landing, (Now Kansas City, Missouri).

On July 2, 1901, at the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Missouri, William Robert Manley of Richmond, Missouri, was united in marriage with Daisie Margaretta Lee, born March 15, 1878, daughter of James Runyon Lee and Isabella Maude (Robinson) Lee of Batavia, New York.

William Robert and Daisie Lee were the parents of six children, Isabelle, George (died December 25, 1952), William, Bonnelle, Newell Lee, and James.

William R. Manley, Sr., died January 11, 1955, and Daisie Lee Manley, died June 4, 1943, and son, George, are buried in Sunny Slope Cemetery in Richmond.

W.R. Manley, Sr., was a fifty-year Richmond businessman, 1901-1951, owner of the Richmond Transportation Service, which eventually became the Manley Bus Service and the Manley Garage. *by Bonnelle White*

## G. LOGAN MARR

G. Logan Marr was born in Baltimore, Md. Nov. 16, 1900, son of Charles Blake and Florence Stewart Marr. At the age of three he moved with his parents to Miller County, Mo., where he resided until 1928. He attended the Miller County schools and received his BA degree in the general department and LLB from the School of Law of the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo. He started the practice of law in Versailles, Mo. in 1928.

G. Logan Marr

Jocelyn Marr

On June 5, 1927 he married Jocelyn Kanatzar, who was born Aug. 21, 1904 in Centralia, Mo., daughter of David B. and Martha Kanatzar. She graduated from William Woods College at Fulton, Mo. and in 1924 went to Dodge City, Kansas School of Music to teach violin from 1925-27. She attended the University of Missouri School of Music, where she met her husband and later, after they were married, she went to the university for another year. She was supervisor of music in the Versailles Elementary and High Schools from 1930 to 1933. She also taught violin lessons in her home for many years, and was instructor in orchestra and chorus in Versailles schools. She was president of the Parent-Teachers Association from 1947-48 in Versailles and was active in the Presbyterian Church. She died Feb. 22, 1974.

G. Logan Marr died unexpectedly at his home in Versailles Dec. 27, 1968.

G. Logan Marr and his wife, Jocelyn, were the parents of two children, George Logan, II, born Aug. 12, 1938 and Martha Jo, born May 26, 1935.

George Logan married Carol Shipley of Versailles May, 1966 and they now live in Albuquerque, N.M. They have two children, Jon Logan, born 1969 and Kirsten Elizabeth, born in 1976.

Martha Jo married Robert L. Sani in May, 1966 in Champaign, Ill. They have three children, Cynthia Kay Pring, her daughter from a previous marriage, born June, 1957, Elizabeth Anne, born July, 1969 and Jeffrey Paul, born Jan. 1971. *by Martha Jo Marr Sani*

## EDGECOMB MARRIOTT

It was about 1840 that three Marriott boys came to Missouri and settled in Morgan County. They moved from the mountains of Tennessee in Carter County. Those moving to Missouri were Benjamin Franklin, Edgecomb and his wife Hetti (she is thought to have been ½ Cherokee Indian) and their children, and John W. Marriott (Merriott) and his wife Ruby Dunevan. John later remarried after his first wife died. It is also believed that Thomas Marriott came to Missouri but returned to Tennessee. These boys were the sons of Henry Marriott.

"D." Charles Marriott Family
*L-r:* Cale, Samantha, Young, May, Richard (grandson) and D. Charles

Edgecomb was born before 1811 and was in the Civil War. It is believed that he was killed in that war. Edgecomg had eight children who were Thomas who was married to Polly Hutchinson, John (Big John) who was married to Liza Silvey daughter of Riley Silvey, Sam who was born January 1, 1833 and was married to Susan Silvey. She was the daughter of Riley Silvey. Elza "Dice" was married to Philene Craig, daughter of David Craig, Hancy was married to Charley Roe, Rebecca, Susanna, and Polly who was married to Jim Huff.

Big John and Liza Silvey Marriott had six children. "Big" Will was married to Tilda Staples, "Black" Bud was married to Nettie Craig, D. Charles married Samantha Francis Craig, daughter of David Craig, Harriet was married to Charley Jones, Sam was born March 9, 1857 and was married to Georgia Ann Marriott, daughter of Bill (Mashflat) and Emily Craig Marriott, Jim was married to Victoria Webb, daughter of Jack Webb. Jim later remarried Janet Nayler Kirby.

"D" Charles was born June 20, 1854 and died March 7, 1927. They lived on a farm south of Stover on T Road. This farm is still in the Marriott family and is now owned by Calvin Marriott. "D" Charles had eleven children. Walce married Melissa Huff daughter of Thomas "Benton" and Mary Merriott Huff. He died at age of 27. Melissa married Bill Grace, Delmond died about one year of age, Robert died about one year of age, Virgil died about one year of age, Dora married A.E. Pontius, Caleb (Cale) married Cora Miles, daughter of Thomas Miles, Young married Lulu Culp Ziegel, daughter of Charles and Martha Wright Ziegel, Wesley Martin married Vanity "May" Ziegel, daughter of Charles and Martha Wright Ziegel, Cassie died about one year of age and Eliza died about one year of age. *by Joyce Marriott*

## BENJAMIN MARRIOTT

Among the early settlers in Morgan County were Benjamin Marriott and his wife, Delila.

On Jesse's farm
Carl, Jesse P., Roy Marriott

Benjamin Marriott was born in Virginia in the late 1700's or early 1800's. His wife was born in Pennsylvania around 1810. Both moved to Tennessee, met each other and married. Benjamin bad been married before and he and his first wife had 10 children.

Maggie Marriott

Roy Marriott

Benjamin and Delia moved to Morgan County in 1844, settling in the Buffalo Township near the old Zwanzig Mill on the Locust and Gravois Creeks. They were the parents of eight children. Some of them are Henry, David, Nicholas, John, Milas, Edgecomb and Jesse P.

Jesse P., the youngest, was born in Morgan County Mar. 17, 1849. He attended the old Locust school and was a member of the Locust Baptist Church. In 1869 he married Amanda Branch. Some of their children died in childhood. Those living are Ruth (Mrs. Henry Webster), Belle (Mrs. Ezra Huff), Josie (Mrs. Luther Huff), Ella (Mrs. Jim Barber), Carl, who married Beulah Crafton.

August married Rosie Linville; Elbert married Iza Huff; Will married Leliah Huff and Roy married Sara Margaret Rhodes.

Jesse spent his life farming and mining in Buffalo Township. He gave a portion of his land holdings to each of his children as they married. Roy and Sara live on the farm owned by the O'Connell's, more familiarly known as the Bill Dolstein place. They hand-poured the two-story concrete house and it still stands today.

Roy and Maggie had five sons, Claude, who died in St. Joseph in 1962, Loyd of St. Joseph, Clarence, Versailles, Roy of Fortuna and Jewell of Versailles. Maggie died when Roy was born. Roy kept the boys on the farm and later married Alva Jennings.

Jewell married Brooks Comstock of Versailles, Sept. 16, 1930. Jewell retired from farming and working for the Morgan County road in 1976.

Their children are Darlene, of the home; Betty, who married Robert Allen and they have eight children, Ruth Ann, Phillip, David, Daniel, Karen, Lesa, Bobbie Sue and Craig. They live at Eureka, Mo.

Kenneth married Nancy Berendzen of Eldon in 1960. Their two sons are John and Dennis, who live in Independence. Chester married Paulette Richeson, Linda married Paul Berendzen of Eldon in 1963. They live on a farm in the Ritchie community. their daughter, Susan, is a fifth grader.

Bill married Bonnie Laughlin. Their children are Renee (Mrs. Kenneth Woods), Rita, Mark and Mathew, who are students at Stover school. Bill and Bonnie, who live on part of the Jesse P. Marriott land are the seventh generation of Marriott's to live in the Buffalo Township.

Six generations attended the old Locust School and the Locust Baptist Church. *by Nancy Marriott*

## LLOYD CREED MARRIOTT

The year was May 1977, when Creed Marriott loaded up his family in the '74 Chevy pickup and moved back to Morgan County to settle.

Lloyd Creed Marriott

Remaining in Kansas City, Missouri were his first born Speed Austin Marriott II and second born, Shirley Dale Marriott. Speed was born November 1954 in Independence, Missouri. Shirley was born May 1956 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Creed, his wife Juanita Martaine Brown Marriott, and his youngest child Lelia (Lea) Caresse Marriott (born in Kansas City, Missouri — Jan. 7, 1970) were to settle in Versailles, Missouri. He opened his new business, Marriott Wood Products, 107 North Fisher in June, 1977. His cabinet business had only been a full time occupation one year previous to this move. It had grown out of a hobby and a love for woodworking.

In the year of May 1978 they were to move into their newly purchased home at 210 North Fisher. This was formerly known as the "Ben Rickard Place."

Creed was born in Versailles, Missouri to Lelia Etherel Phillips Marriott and Speed Austin Marriott I. Lelia and Speed moved to Versailles from Purvis in 1926. Creed was the ninth of their ten children. The children were: Ronald Vernon, Bonnie Beatrice Lauffer Cole, Malcom Everett, Dorine Bernice Dames, Garland Elliott, Doris Elaine Hautt, Josephine Sue, Laura Frances, Lloyd Creed, Waldo Denzil. Josephine Sue died in infancy.

Creed grew up in Versailles and was to marry his high school sweetheart, Nita Brown, July 27, 1947. Nita is the daughter of Shirley Helen Heintz Brown and Foster Yancey Brown. A year later in October 1948 they moved to Pleasant Hill, Mo. where he became a manager for the Kroger Grocery Company at the age of twenty.

In 1952 Creed was inducted into the Army; where he became Company Commander with the rank of Second Lt. He was released from active duty in 1954. He returned to the Kroger Company and remained with them for a total of twenty-two years. He then joined the Continental Baking Company to become a cake Supv. After nearly ten years with this company and at the age of forty-eight, he decided to start his own business. A year later he had outgrown his business location in Kansas City, and so he and his family returned to Morgan County after twenty-nine years to make a new beginning.

Creed is now an active member of the following organizations: Kiwanis Club, Morgan County Historic Soc., Rolling Hills County Club, United Methodist Church.

## JOHN THOMAS MARRIOTT

John Thomas Marriott and Prudence (Aunt Prudy) Silvey Marriott moved from south Morgan County to Glensted about 1923. They had 3 children:

Fannie Lee was the youngest and spent many years in Little Rock, Ark., with her husband, Ulman R. (Jack) Tracy, from Eldon. Their daughters, Margaret and Jackie, live in Tennessee. Mary Margaret and (Audrey M.) Blankinship have one son, Richard. He and his wife, Sue (Williams) have two daughters, Audrey Berissa and Jessica Brooke, and live in Florida ... Jacqueline Anne (Mrs. James) Walpole and their two children, John Robert and Laurie Anne, all live in Memphis.

Joe (and Minnie Ruse) Marriott's daughters, Evelyn and Prudence, both married Morgan County natives. Evelyn Irene and her husband, Warren Cooper, were in business in Stover many years. Their daughters are Gloria Ann Cooper, a performing musician in California, and Linda Lou (Mrs. Don) Hilgert, whose daughter is Amy Alicia ... Prudence Augusta married Aubrey Vincel Williams, and they have two children, Joe and Sue. Joseph Aubrey and his wife, Helga (Reinhoffer) have a daughter, Erika Marriott. Sue Ellen (Mrs. Richard) Blankinship's daughters are Audrey Berissa and Jessica Brooke.

The oldest son was Horace Murphy who spent many years in Camden County with his wife, Hannah (Otten). Their children are Horace, Emmett, Lucille, J.T. and Frances.

## NANCY GREEN (HUGHES) MARRIOTT

Nancy Green Hughes came from a family of 16 children. They moved to Morgan County from Tennessee. Nancy's mother's maiden name was Ward. A brother, Madison Peter (M.P.) Hughes, lived in Stover owning a large portion of the land that the town of Stover was built on. There were three sets of twins in this family. Three little girls died of an unknown cause one week apart. There was also one boy killed by bushwackers, the family found him hung in a tree.

Nancy married Christopher Columbus Marriott in 1865 and seven children were born to them. They lived near Stover around 1895 and later moved to near Versailles to be caretakers for the Morgan County Poor Farm. After retirement they lived in Versailles on Washington Street. He died in 1913. Nancy, better known as Nannie, lived with her daughter, Lena, and son-in-law, Ed Hulett, and later in Kansas City with her daughter, Dosia Boyce. She died in 1935.

Their children were Dosia, James Madison, Starling and Lulu (twins), John and Lena and Bertha (twins).

Dosia married J.S. Boyce of Jefferson City, Missouri in 1892. They were active in the First Baptist Church of Versailles. Mr. Boyce was a deacon and Mrs. Boyce was an active worker in the Women's Missionary Society. Mr. Boyce was Probate Judge of Morgan County from 1915 to 1926 and earlier taught school at Ball and Versailles. They had four children: Clarence, Melva and Alvin (twins), and Nancy Fern.

Clarence served in World War I and married Helen Riner of Jefferson City and died in 1960. Alvin was a dispatcher for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and died in 1971. Melva, a teacher in the Versailles Schools and later employed at Businessman's Assurance in Kansas City, married Jewell W. Riggs of Kansas City and had one daughter, Leann. Leann married Mikel Stout and has five children: Bill, Brad, Mollie, and Mindy and Mandy (twins). They live in Wichita, Kansas. Melva now resides in Overland Park, Kansas. Nancy Fern left Versailles and worked for forty years at Businessmen's Assurance in Kansas City. She died in 1977.

Jim Marriott married Flora Davis and became a barber in Versailles. They had one daughter, Alma. She was a telephone operator in Versailles. She later married Frank Kelly and they

lived in Kansas City until their death. They had three children Joann, Ruth, and Bobby.

Lulu married Bill Duncan. They are both deceased. Starling died at fourteen years of age.

John Marriott left Versailles and resided in New York. His son, Harold, was brought to Versailles after his parents death and was reared in the C.C. Marriott home. He served in World War I. He married Jo Smoyer of Versailles and they had one daughter, Haroldene.

Lena married Ed Hulett. — (Refer to the Padgett-Hulett family history.)

Bertha married Arthur Dromgold. — (Refer to the Dromgold family history.)

This history was written by Helen Hulett Bolton, Lena Marriott's daughter. Many wonderful times were enjoyed by this closely knit family. They took their places in Morgan County serving in the Baptist Churches, in schools, in business, and in politics.

## NITA BROWN MARRIOTT

Shirley Helen Heintz of Junction City, Kansas was joined in matrimony to Foster Yancey Brown of Versailles, Missouri over the radio station belonging to the now infamous Dr. Brinkley. Shirley was employed as a singer for the station: And so the station broadcast what they believed to be the first marriage broadcast in America and the world. Shirley worked at this time for the local newspaper in Junction City. Her singing job was only one morning a week.

Nita Brown Marriott

Foster Y. Brown was the son of Nannie Martin Brown (youngest child of the Samuel Martins) and Walter W. Brown. Foster lost his mother at the age of three. He was reared by his two aunts, Lucy and Sally Martin, and by his grandparents: Samuel and Elizabeth Martin of the Martin Hotel. (The Martin Hotel was in continuous operation from 1853-1967).

To this union Foster Dale Brown was born in Chicago, Illinois, 1925. He is married now and lives in Independence, Missouri. Lucille and Dale Brown have three children: Diane, Linda and Tom. Dale has been employed for twenty-eight years by the Lake City Arsenal of Independence, Missouri. Also in the past he was a professional drummer and singer.

Nita was born August 7, 1928 in Topeka, Kansas as Juanita Martaine Brown.

The four Brown's came to Versailles when Nita was about three years old. They moved when she was seven, to return again in 1941. Between these years the Brown family lived in eight different towns and cities.

During the years spent in Versailles, Shirley worked for The Versailles Statesman. Some people still remember her column "Around Town with Shirley Brown", and the beauty contest, fashion shows, etc. she arranged. At the time she passed away, May 1950, she lived in Independence, Missouri. She was then employed by the newspaper, The Independence Examiner. Her proudest moment in her life had occurred only six weeks before her death, she became a grandma at the age of forty-six.

July 27, 1947, Nita Brown became Mrs. Lloyd Creed Marriott at the United Methodist Church, Versailles, Missouri. This union was blessed by: Speed Austin -- 1954, Shirley Dale — 1956, Lelia Caresse — 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed Marriott left Versailles in 1948 to return in 1977. At this time Creed opened his business, Marriott Wood Products, 107 North Fisher, where he builds custom made cabinets and other wood products.

Between the years of 1948 and 1977 Nita kept busy as: wife, mother, housekeeper, office and secretarial work, and a little selling on the side. Active as President Beta Sigma Phi, PTA, Band Parents, Church, Unity Church Holiday Choir, Den Mother, and a Brownie Leader.

On her return to Versailles in 1977, she found her home of yesteryear not only a museum; but soon to become part of the National Register of Historic Places. Having been secretary to the building manager of a Kansas City landmark, The National Life Building, Ninth and Main, Kansas City, Missouri, built in 1893. (This building houses The Kansas City Historic Society.) What a thrill to know that your own childhood home is now part of history.

She is so grateful to the Morgan County Historic Society, (She and Creed are now active members of the organization.) to have accomplished this feat. She, as are all of the Martin family descendants, is most grateful to see the Martin Hotel preserved along with the other artifacts of Morgan County. *by Nita Brown Marriott*

## WESLEY MARTIN MARRIOTT

Wesley Martin Marriott was born January 28, 1893. He was the son of "D" Charles and Samantha Craig Marriott. On February 8, 1914 he married Vanity "May" Ziegel. They lived on a farm south of Stover on T Road which had been his father's place. The farm now belongs to Wesley's son, Calvin. Wesley died January 20, 1964 and May now lives in Stover. They had six children Arnold, Ruby, Donald C., Wesley "Delmon", Margaret, and Charles "Calvin".

Arnold was born February 2, 1915. He married Thelma Gillispie on February 21, 1934. Thelma was born July 28, 1912 the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Hobbs Gillispie. They live on a farm north of Stover on N Road and Arnold hauls gravel. They have three children MaDonna Faye, Helen, and Robert 'Galen". Donna Faye married Milton Sidebottom and now lives in Utah. They have four children Gregory "Kim", Ivan, Robin and Randy. Kim married Rita Dale and they have one child Stephanie. Helen married Merle Welpman and they live in Fort Worth, Texas. They have two children Jeffery and Jana. Galen married Dolores Weber and they live in Stover and have one child Traci Lynn.

Ruby was born May 10, 1917 and died January 26, 1919 from influenza.

Donald was born September 29, 1919. He married Elsie Caywood on October 21, 1939 the daughter of William and Maude Rastorfer Caywood. They live in Versailles and Donald carries mail on a Star Route. They have four children, Linda, Donald (Donnie), William (Bill) and Diane. Linda married Ed Beckmann and they live south of Versailles. Ed

*Seated:* Wesley and May Marriott. *L-r:* Arnold, Delmon, Margaret, Viebrock, Donald C. and Calvin.

has the Beckmann Construction. They have two children, Terri and Brent. Donnie married Joyce Ehlers and they live north east of Stover. Donnie is a carpenter and farms. They have three children, Donald Gene, Ronald, and Timothy. Bill married Sheila Hicks and they live in Versailles. Bill works for Beckmann Construction. He has a step-daughter Michelle and a son Ryan. Diane married Denzil Webb and they live in Versailles. Diane works at the Country Kitchen.

Wesley and May Marriott, 1914

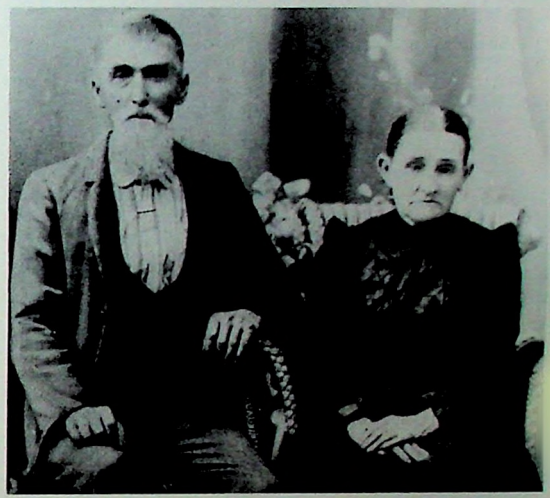
Wesley "Delmon" was born December 10, 1922 and married Waneta Gerlt. They live south of Stover on a farm and he is in the dairy business. They have five children, Kathy, James (Jim), Paul, David, and Rebecca "Carol". Kathy married Dennis Emperley and she is a nurse. They have one child, Stephanie. Jim married Patty Conner and they live south of Stover. They have two children, Michael and Mendy. Paul married Gaylene Prohel and they live south of Stover on a farm. They have two children, Wesley and Sandra. David married Karen Sprinkle and they live in Sedalia. Carol married Michael Johnson and they live in Stover. Carol works for Mid-Missouri Savings and Loan in Versailles.

Margaret was born August 16, 1926 and married Calvin Viebrock on May 6, 1946. Calvin was born October 16, 1924 the son of Rudolph and Emma Hagenah Viebrock. Calvin owns and operates the Viebrock Auto Service in Stover. They have three children, Edward, Robert (Bob) and Kevin. Ed married Connie Swartz and they live in Stover. Ed is a partner with his father. They have two children, Shawn and Cheri. Bob married Jane Miller and they live on N Road north of Stover. Bob has the M.F.A. Insurance and they have two children, Bobbi Jane and Robbi. Kevin is a senior at C.M.S.U. in Warrensburg.

Calvin was born March 4, 1931 and married Betty Beckmann. Calvin works at Smithson Inc. They have one child, Phillip who married Cheryl Weathers. They live in Stover and he is a carpenter. *by Joyce Marriott*

## WILLIAM L. (DINK) MARRIOTT

John W. Marriott's son William L. (Dink) Marriott born 9-21-1837 died 3-5-1917, buried Ivy Cemetary; married Gaberilla Morris born 4-28-1838, died 8-21-1910. Their children were: Sampson Marriott, married Millie Alice, buried Ritchie Cemetary; Benton Marriott, married Minerva Williams; Johnnie Warn Marriott, married Susan Mae Routon; Monroe Marriott.



William L. (Dink) and Gaberilla (Morris) Marriott

Thomas Barry Marriott, born 1-29-1869, died 6-2-1941, married Sierlda Jackson, daughter of James Jackson of Sedalia, Mo. Joe Marriott, Lou Marriott, Ruby Marriott, Rod Marriott.

Children of Wm. and Gaberilla Marriott. *Standing, l-r:* Ed Monroe, Benton. *1st row:* Johnny, Tammy, Joe.

Thomas and Sirilda Jackson married in Texas but returned for a short time to Morgan County. When they returned to Texas, they later moved to Indian Territory (Oklahoma). Their children are: Carl Earnest Marriott, born 6-13-1884, buried Plainview, Texas; Married Bertha Thomas. Stella J. born 8-25-1886 died as small child; Horace Benton, born 7-

12-1889; Lester Cephas, born 8-20-1892, married Ora Gilliam; Thomas Monroe, born 10-8-1893; Lelia Abagail, born 6-19-1898; Homer Jackson born 3-15-1904, married Ollie Sasser, lives Stamford, Texas; Archie E., born 2-12-1907; 1st wife Laura, one child Henrianna.

2nd wife Lottie Evans, 1 son Neal and 1 dau. Mary Dale. Thomas M, Lester, Lelia, are all buried with Mother and Father in Ft. Towsen, Oklahoma, Archie, buried in Idabel, Oklahoma.

Lelia A. Marriott married Columbus Clayton Hazlewood in Ft. Towsen, Okla., August 29, 1914. They had 2 children: Reba — died in infancey, buried with Lelia and C.C. Hazlewood in Ft. Towsen, Oklahoma.

Quincy Alan Hazlewood, born 4-14-1917, married Zoe Huddle of Paris, Texas, 11-30-40. They reside in Paris, Texas where Quincy has been with the post office for 30 years. They have 2 sons: John Quincy, born 7-3-42, Paris, Texas. Married 1st Sandra Ames, 1 son, Brian Alan. Married 2nd Nancy Rountree, one daughter Monica Lynette.

William Roy Hazlewood, born 10-3-48, married Doris Hunter; 1 daughter Lelia Ann, and 1 son Columbus Clayton. Both John and William (Bill) work in Dallas, Texas.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON MARTIN

George Washington Martin resided and is buried north of Versailles, Mo. in the Scrougeneck community, now known as Lone Star School area. His son, Joseph N. Martin, was born Oct. 31, 1836, died of tuberculosis Nov. 21, 1880, after having been a Morgan County judge in 1873. Joseph N. Martin, on June 13, 1861 married Mary G. Estes (Dau. of Constantine Estes and first wife Malinda Sims).

Malinda (Sims) Estes died Jan. 23, 1845 and left three small children, James K., Wm. and Mary G. The husband, Constantine Estes, married in 1847 to a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Ford, and their children were: Thomas Estes born 1855 and Frances Estes born 1862.

Constantine Estes entered land here, Dec. 31, 1835 (in the S.E. qr. of S.W. qr. of Sect. 19, T. 43, and Range 17). He had helped his father-in-law, James Sims, erect a house, which was completed the Saturday before the presidential election of Nov. 1836. (When the eighth President, Martin Van Buren was elected). This early Sims home still stands, and is owned by, Lee T. Sims a descendant. James Sims came from Chester, S.C. to Missouri.

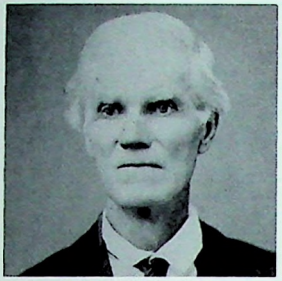
Constantine Estes had helped erect a log building used by the Baptists, wben Freedom Church was organized. Constantine Estes, born Sept. 16, 1816, died Jan. 7, 1881, buried Freedom Church Cem.

Joseph N. and Mary G. (Estes) Martin resided in Walnut Grove School District, where the children attended classes, and literary and debating society meetings, and attended Freedom Baptist church.

Following is a list of their 8 children: Wm. Wallin Martin, died as an infant. Eliza "Belle" Martin married Sept. 30, 1886 to Sumner J. Myers, she died November 14, 1930. Emmett Martin married Oct. 9, 1890 to Bettie Bowman, he died Apr. 14, 1916. Thomas B. Martin married June 22, 1899 to Lydia A. Murray, (dau. of Benton and Caroline Marple Murray). Lydia had attended Bogar Bethel) school, born 1878, died 1953. Thomas B. Martin born June 2, 1870 and died 1946, buried at Glensted, Mo. Meth. Church Cem. Elizabeth V. Martin married James Wm. Jones Sept. 14, 1893. Lou Martin married Mar. 16, 1897 Miles A. Murray. Walter Constantine Martin born May 11, 1877, died Jan. 21, 1878, buried Freedom Bapt. Church Cem. Joseph Nathaniel Martin, born July 12, 1879, died Feb. 3, 1880, buried Freedom Bapt. Church Cem. *by Eileen Sims Yarnell*

## SAMUEL MARTIN

Samuel Martin born October 1814, in Stokes Co., Ayersville, N.C. Died June 13, 1906 in Morgan Co., Versailles, Mo., married March 11, 1845. To Emma Elizabeth Gray, daughter of Delphine M. Taylor and Powell Gray. Elizabeth born September 7, 1826 in Patrick County, Va. Died March 23, 1930.



Samuel Martin

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, age 95 - Sept. 7, 1921

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Gray) Martin Westenien 1846-1853 (Died Young); Desdemona 1847-1895 married J.T. Washburn, April 16, 1865; Doshia Ann 1849-1931 married John N. McMinn, April 29, 1866; John Wesley 1851-1909 married Cora S. Thurston, April 15, 1877; Sarah Jane "Sally" 1854-1936 single (Cripple); Mary Francis 1865-1896 married John A. Hannay, Dec. 7, 1884; William Thomas 1895-1913 married Bettie Ratcliff, Dec. 19, 1888; Emma Elizaberth 1861-1921 married Charley Sherard, Oct. 15, 1882; Lucy Lorena 1864-1954 single (Miss Lucy); Nancy Lulstena 1867-1901 married Walter Y. Brown, July 8, 1897.

First four children born in Patrick C. Virginia, last six in Versailles, Mo.

(Elizabeth Martin's story as told to the Versailles Leader)

We came to Morgan County from Patrick County, Va. in the fall of 1853,myself, my husband and our four children and three of Mr. Martin's (Samuel Martin) brothers. We got as far as Belleville, Ill., traveling in a covered wagon, when one of his brothers became ill. He knew he was about to die and begged us to bury him on Missouri soil. He died shortly after we left St. Louis and we buried him in St. Charles County.

When we arrived at Versailles we had little money. Versailles in those days was little more than a clearing. There were three or four houses and the streets were grown up with weeds and dog fennel. The second day we were here a woman came to me with a proposition that she had been running a sort of hotel but was tired of the job and wanted us to rent it. We struck a bargain and took over her place for $100 per year rent. The only stipulation was that we also take a Negro servant of hers who had been with her for many years.

We didn't have much, two extra beds and a dining room table where our paying guests took pot luck with us. We did so well that, at the end of the year, Mr. Martin scraped together $300 and bought the hotel. He got all the land on North Monroe street two blocks north of the square, to West Newton street in the deal and on it built a large house, which today is part of the Martin Hotel.

Then came the Civil War. We were from the South but we had no serious trouble except the time when the Federals were going to shoot my husband and Sally, our daughter, saved him. She was crippled and, when she heard the soldiers were going to shoot her father, she hobbled up to the courthouse square on her crutches and got there just in time. She begged for her father's life and the captain released him saying he guessed the girl needed him more than the North did.

We had few conveniences but I guess I was a good cook. The soldiers flocked in on us by the hundred to eat. We fed them rough food and had many promises of payment for their meals. Their I.O.U.'s are on the guest register books. We saw little money from them.

A funny incident happened. A dozen Northerners rode in one day and were looking for two rebels they thought were hiding in our hotel, we being from the South, you know. They searched the hotel good and never found hide nor hair of

them. After they had loaded up on good free food they left. The laugh was on them for one of the Rebels was hiding behind some of my clothes in my room and the other I had disguised as a woman and he waited on the table where the Northerners were eating."

(Samuel Martin died in 1906 and Mrs. Martin and her daughters, Miss Lucy and Miss Sally, continued to operate the business).

## ANDREW MASTERS

Andrew Masters was born May 7, 1816 in Morgan County, Mo. or Kentucky. He married Nancy A. Monroe French (whose first husband was Isaac French) on Oct. 3, 1843. Her parents are unknown but she moved with her parents from Roane County, Tenn. when she was seven years old.

Andrew Masters was the son of James Masters, Sr. and Frances (last name unknown). He had a brother, James, Jr. (married Amanda George). Charles Clinton married Elizabeth Price. Martha A. married James M. Clogston and Date married Jasper McFarland.

Andrew and Nancy Masters moved to Cedar County but returned to Morgan County during the Civil War years. Upon their return to Cedar County he rebuilt the mill on the Sac River at Caplinger Mills.

Their children were James, an attorney at Stockton, Mo., married Carolina Perry, Susan Ann, who married Dr. John Simbrell, Frances Elizabeth, who married William Cornelius Snyder, Thomas, who moved to Oklahoma, and Charles who married Wilhelmina Ibach and lived on the family farm until his death.

Andrew was probate judge of Morgan County in 1862. He died in Cedar County, Mo. Nov. 23, 1869 and is buried with his wife, Nancy, who died Oct. 22, 1892 at Caplinger Mills, Mo.

## CHARLES HIGBEE MASON

Charles Higbee Mason was born Aug. 13, 1860, at Chambersburg, Ill., the son of Joseph and Rachel Mason.

The family moved to Irving, Ill., where he grew to young manhood and later went to work at Raymond, Ill. where on May 11, 1884 he was married to Irene Bowles, daughter of William and Susan Bowles. To this union five children were born:

Ethel Lea, b. 1885-d. 1964
Herschell H. b. 1887-d. 1970
Nina Glenn, b. 1888-d. 1976
Ruth C., b. 1892-d. 1975
Eunice I., b. 1900

C.H. Mason

Mr. Mason moved with his family to Versailles in April, 1887, where for 32 years he conducted a meat, grocery and ice business. His wife died Jan. 24, 1915 and in 1920 he was married to Mrs. Anna Legere of Versailles, who died June 2, 1932.

In May, 1936 Mr. Mason again entered the business field, establishing a furniture store in Versailles, which he operated until 1946 when his grandson, John Williams returned from military service in World War II and purchased the business. Mr. Mason died in Sept. 1946.

Ethel Lea Mason married Shores P. Williams July, 1904 . Their children were Pauline, July 12, 1906, Kathryn, Oct. 31, 1907 and John, Dec. 10, 1908.

Herschell Mason married Atta Pike in 1907. Their children were Elizabeth, April 26, 1915, and Charles, deceased.

Nina Glenn married Elmer Sparks Nov. 17, 1915. Their children were Mary Virginia, died in infancy, Glenn, July 27, 1919, Bob, Dec. 14, 1923, and Paul, Sept. 29, 1926.

Ruth C. Mason married Earl Porter Dec. 25, 1915. Their children were Nancy, Mar. 4, 1917, Billy, Aug. 20, 1919 and J.W., deceased.

Eunice M. married Mancel Morris Oct., 1918. He died in 1934. They had one child who died in infancy. She married Thomas G. Shepp Sept. 7, 1948. *Submitted by Mrs. Thomas Shepp*

## DAVID LOURY MATHIS

David Loury Mathis, is shown in the 1850 census for Mill Creek Township, Morgan County, Missouri; aged 26 years, born Tenn. His wife Margaret, 22 years, born Missouri. Female child 1 year. David, born May 6, 1821, died January 1, 1883, Vernon County, Mo. My great grandmother, Margaret

David Loury Mathis family

*Standing:* George Mathis, Amanda Mathis Beaty; *Seated:* Margaret Mathis Rich, Elizabeth Mathis Klein.

Stephens Wear Mathis, born June 25, 1827, Missouri, daughter of pioneer George W. Wear and his wife McOlin Stephens Wear, who were married March 6, 1810, Christian County, Ky. Are buried Wear cemetery, Cooper County. McOlin Stephens dau. of Jacob Stephens and Anne Warren, daughter of William Warren and Ann Wilcox. Jacob Stephens, son of Lawrence Stephens, born 1722, New Jersey or Pennsylvania, and his 2nd wife Mary Bowman, born Nov. 9, 1735, dau. of George Bowman and Mary (Anna Marie) Hite, (dau. of Jost Hite and Anna Marie DuBois). Lawrence Stephens, son of Peter Stephens, Sr., born 1690 near Strasburg, Alsace, Germany, died 1757 Frederick Co., Colony of Virginia. Peter Stephens, Sr. came to America 1710 with Jost Hite.

My grandmother, McOlin M. Mathis, born Sept. 6, 1849, the first child born to David Loury Mathis and Margaret Stephens Wear Mathis. Records show David L. Mathis on sec. 15, T45. R19, Morgan Co., Mo. as early as 1849. Probably all thirteen children were born on sec. 15. McOlin M. Mathis married April 30, 1865, George Emery Edwards, at Otterville, by Rev. Garrett. (See also the account written for GEORGE EMERY EDWARDS AND MCOLIN M. MATHIS EDWARDS). McOlin died 1903, Meade County, Kans. where they pioneered in 1884-5.

George W. Mathis, second child, born 1850, died 1931. He married 1877 Ada F. Poundstone. He was minister. Lived K.C., Mo. Children: Logan M. Mathis; Earl C.; Ethel; Lester D.; Mabelle.

Fannie G. Mathis, 3rd child, born 1852, died 1886. Married 1868, Joe Dunn. Children: Lem Dunn; W. Frank; Lena; Charley. Martha W., born July 2, 1854, died April 26, 1868.

Virginia A., 5th child, born 1855, died 1914 Fowler, Kans. Married 1875 Walter Burford. (Morgan County family). Children: Sim Burford; Henry; Mattie; Stella Mae; Mollie E.; Eva Linley; Clarence O. Walter Burford and Virginia Mathis family is shown on 1880 census Mill Creek Twp., Morgan Co., Mo. They went to Meade County, Kan. and settled near Virginia's sister, McOlin Mathis Edwards, and George Edwards. The 3rd Sunday, August 1978, at the Meade, Kansas city park, was held the sixty-third annual Edwards-Burford Families Reunion, with 108 present.

John D. Mathis, sixth child, born 1857, died 1900, married Amanda Milburn. Lived Newton Co., Mo. are buried SW of Diamond, Mo. Children: Clara Belle Mathis: Etta May; Ernest; Ira; Susan; Fred; Wm.; Josie.

Mary Jane Mathis, 7th child born 1859, died 1881, married James Albert Burford 1876. Children: Minnie Burford.

L.C. Mathis, 8th child, born 1861, died 1862.

James P. Mathis, 9th child, born 1862, died 1863.

Margaret A. Mathis, 10th child, born 1864, died 1940 Moundville, Vernon Co., Mo. Married Moses Rich 1882. Moses Rich in 1880 census Morgan County, living in household of Isaac Homan, as nephew. Moses Rich buried Moundville cemetery. Margaret A. buried Welborn Cem. Children: George Frederick Rich; Margaret May; Wm. Price; Birdie Ellen Yokley, living in Nevada, Mo. 1978; Lemuel Moses; Daisy Fern Rich Moulder, living in Calif. 1978; Clarence Harding Rich.

Maranda K. Mathis, 11th child, born 1867, died 1954, married 1901 Edna Holden. Children: D.M. Mathis born 1893, died 1918, Col. Springs, married Lena Knight; Russell Oliver Mathis born 1895, died 1926 Colorado Springs, Col., married Mabel Florence Barney. Maranda K. Mathis in service of the United States as detective. He changed his name to Charlie Moore.

Lillie B. Mathis, 12th child, born 1869 Morgan Co., Mo., died 1962 Coffeyville, Kansas, married 1887 John B. Kleiss (Morgan County family), a railroad employee. Children: John Lewis Kleiss; Zella, born 1897, married 1915 Robert McGregor. Zella lives Coffeyville, Kan. 1978; Helen Elizabeth, born 1903, married 1922 Ray R. Ruthrauff, lives Coffeyville, 1978.

Amanda Mae Mathis, 13th and last child of David Loury Mathis and Margaret Stephens Wear Mathis, born 1872, died Farmington, N.M. She married 1st 1889, William Beaty born 1868 died 1959. Children: Flossie E. Beaty born 1890; Forest C. born 1892; Floy born 1896; Myrtle Beaty born 1898, married 1922 Edgar E. Schutz, lived 1978 Farmington, N.M. Amanda, Mae Beaty married 2nd Charles Butler. Children: Edna; Sumner; Vernon; Raymond Butler. Amanda Mae Mathis lived before marriage with her sister McOlin Mathis Edwards. *Submitted by R. Laurence Edwards*

## MYRA HECOX MEDICUS

Myra Hecox Medixus was born Jan. 21, 1889 at Hot Springs, Ark., a daughter of James H. and Jeanette Fletcher Hecox. Her mother, a native of Bangor, ME died Sept. 17, 1909. Her father, who died Nov. 13, 1899, was born in Shreveport, La. When the war came on between the states, he served as captain of Co. D of the 6th Louisiana Cavalry until he was captured and held prisoner on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie until the end of the war.

Myra Medicus received her education at Lampasas, Texas, at Baylor Female College at Belton, Texas and the Daneil Baker College at Brownwood, Texas. For three years she was a teacher at Hot Springs, Ark. After studying at Draughan's Business College at Little Rock, she was a stenographer and bookkeeper from 1907 to 1924.

Birch Medicus in hunting clothing

On Oct. 28, 1921 she married Birch LaSage Medicus, born Sept. 8, 1888, the son of Richard Medicus, a native of Indiana. He was a professional musician until July, 1918 when he went overseas to fight in World War I.

Myra Medicus, *Front; Left, back:* Edna Marie Forest, Glenn Housworth, Marie Thompson.

A registered pharmacist, Birch operated his own drug store in Kansas City.

Birch and Myra came to Versailles from Kansas City in 1935. He was pharmacist at the Cash Drug Store here for several years. Birch was commander of Morgan County Post 104 of the American Legion in 1941. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner and a Republican.

In 1939 Myra Medicus started working with the Versailles library, when it was located on the second floor of the city hall. She became the official librarian of the Morgan County Library in 1950 and served until her death June 9, 1962. She was also the organizer of the Versailles Hawthorne Literary Society and served as president of the American Legion Auxiliary. But the library was "her life."

Birch, who served as Morgan County coroner, and city police judge, died March 28, 1951. Both are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## CARL MEIER

Carl Meier was a farmer in the Lake Creek community in Morgan County, Missouri. A native of Hanover, Germany, he was born at Brunswick, Germany, On 13 Nov. 1823 and died in Morgan County, Missouri on March 3, 1903; he is buried at the Florence, Mo. Cemetery.

Herman, Sophia and Carl Meier

Carl Meier renounced his allegiance to William II, King of Prussia and became a citizen of the United States at Versailles, Mo. on Jan. 28, 1876. John Briscoe and Anton E. Ehlers were witnesses. Documents indicate tbat be was a resident of Morgan County at least by 1860.

Carl Meier married Adelheid Pragmann, who was born May 6, 1824 and died May 14, 1870. Adelheid had a brother, Carl Pragamann of Emma, Mo. who was born in Baden Amt Bremervoerde, Hanover, Germany. Her birth place has simply been listed as Hanover, Germany.

The Carl Meiers had three children: Augusta, born in Brunswick, Germany on May 20, 1857 and died April 5, 1930 near Florence, Mo. with burial at Florence. Herman Meier, born on January 4, 1859 in Brunswick, Germany, died near Florence, Mo. on July 7, 1930 with burial at Florence, Mo.; Sophia Meier was buried at Fulton, Mo.

The Carl Meier's son, Herman, did not marry and was a teacher and farmer. He was a skilled carpenter and furniture maker and liked to hunt wild turkeys. In 1887, he bought land in Haskell County, Kansas but stayed there less than two years. Around 1925 he moved to the home of his sister, Augusta Kanenbley, and remained there until his death in 1930.

Adelheid Meier died when her daughter, Augusta, was 12, and a neighbor, Mrs. Duber, helped Augusta with household chores. Augusta, Herman, and the father, Carl Meier, each knitted their own stockings and Augusta knitted for Sophia.

Augusta Meier taught the Lemler school located near the Frederick Kanenbley farm for one year and then, on January 6, 1889, married Henry Kanenbley, who was born in Missouri on July 27, 1850. They lived on the Frederick Kanenbley farm east of Florence, Mo. Augusta raised a large garden, turkeys, geese and chickens. After the death of her husband, Henry on January 18, 1917, she continued to operate the farm with the aid of her three sons. Her children, born near Florence, Mo. were: Herman M., Carl Frederick (Charley), Sophia Elizabeth, and Harry Joseph.

Herman M. was born January 13, 1890 and died near Florence on October 17, 1955. He did not marry, and is buried at Florence, Mo.

Carl Frederick (Charley) was born December 15, 1891 and died January 28, 1964 at Clinton, Mo. with burial at Florence, Mo. He did not marry.

Sophia Elizabeth was born June 30, 1895, married Walker Howard Sanders at the Kanenbley home on December 16, 1917 and died November 10, 1978 at Warrensburg, Mo. She is buried at Highland Sacred Gardens in Sedalia, Mo.

Harry Joseph Kanenbley was born June 30, 1898 and married Alberdeen Bramble on Decmeber 28, 1931. He died after an automobile accident at Pilot Grove, Mo. on December 8, 1965 and is buried at Highland Sacred Gardens in Sedalia.

Children of Sophia Kanenbley Sanders are: (all born near Florence, Mo.) Charles Harold, Otto Ray, Ruby Frances, Mara Lou, Ellen Augusta Virginia and an unnamed infant son.

Charles Harold Sanders was born May 19, 1920 and his children are Linda Carol (Mrs. Gerald McMaster) and her child is Nicole Lynn McMaster; Ann Elizabeth (Mrs. Gary Brookhart), and Marilyn Jeanne.

Otto Ray Sanders was born June 8, 1922 and died at St. Louis, Mo. on June 7, 1924.

Ruby Frances Sanders (Mrs. Jack Nunn) was born April 9, 1924 and her children are Dian Elizabeth (Mrs. John Groff) and David Alan.

Mary Lou Sanders (Mrs. Frank Yeckl) was born on August 12, 1927 and her children are Frank Karl and Mara Lynne (Mrs. Gary Badolato).

Ellen Augusta Virginia Sanders was born October 8, 1929 (Mrs. Jim C. Buffington) and her children are Valerie Lee, Pamela Sue, and Barbara Kay.

An unnamed infant son of Walker and Sophia Sanders was born September 26, 1931 and died September 28, 1931.

Children of Harry Joseph Kanenbley are Jo Ann, Charles Herman, and Mary Frances.

Jo Ann Kanenbley (Mrs. Ralph Twenter) was born October 30, 1932 and her children are Daniel Joseph and Linda Ann.

Charles Herman Kanenbly was born January 29, 1934 and his children are Francine Rene, Steven Joseph and Christopher Cole.

Mary Frances Kanenbley (Mrs. Paul Duvel) was born November 3, 1936 and her daughter is June Loretta (Mrs. Benjamin Ramirez). June's son is Ryan Jason Ramirez. Her sons are Charles Lou and William Paul Duvel.

## JOHN W. MERRIOTT

In 1838, John W. Merriott and his wife, Ruby Dunivan Merriott moved from Carter County, Tennessee to Morgan County, Missouri. Among their children was a boy, two years old, named Edgecomb, nicknamed Suck, later years known as E.S. Merriott.

E.S. Merriott married Rachel Craig, and among their children was Sidney Robert Merriott. Sidney married Lucy Huff and they had three children, Orpah, Orlyn and Rachel.

Orpha Merriott, born November 14, 1894, married L.C. Friedly, January 19, 1913. Three children, Russell Friedly, Fayette, Iowa, Helen Friedly Borwning, Ionia, Missouri, and Elva Friedly, Kansas City, Missouri. Orpha Merriott Friedly died January 2, 1924.

Orlyn H. Merriott, born January 10, 1899, married Ruth Brown, October 28, 1917. Three children, Elvon L., Cleo Rachel, and Stanley Sid.

Elvon L. Merriott, born September 22, 1918, married Irene Braden, November 25, 1945. Two children, Terry Gene and Deborah Sue.

Terry Gene Merriott, born June 25, 1948, married Vickey Mullinix, September, 28, 1974. He died December 27, 1975.

Deborah Sue Merriott, born February 5, 1953, married Douglas Kroeschen June 26, 1971. Two children Robert Douglas Kroeschen, born January 17, 1977 and Michael Douglas Kroeschen, born September 26, 1978.

Cleo Rachel Merriott, born February 18, 1927, married Lawrence Mueller, November 8, 1944. Three children, Richard Lawrence, Robert Alan, and Rebecca Joan.

Richard Lawrence Mueller, born November 30, 1951.

Robert Alan Mueller, born November 20, 1955, married Candy Holcombe, November 25, 1978.

Rebecca Joan Mueller, born August 8, 1962.

Stanley Sid Merriott, born August 1, 1936, married Shirley Kaiser, March 20, 1960. Three children, Thomas Sidney, Timothy Scott, and Tamra Sue.

Thomas Sidney Merriott, born May 12, 1965.

Timothy Scott Merriott, born December 22, 1968.

Tamra Sue Merriott, born May 1, 1970.

October 18, 1966, Ruth Brown Merriott, wife of Orlyn H. Merriott died with cancer. November 8, 1967, Orlyn H. Merriott married Verna Kraxberger, widow of Gus Kraxberger, Raytown, Missouri. She has one child, Lloyd Kraxberger, Stover, Missouri. Two grandchildren, Deobrah Kraxberger Owen, wife of John Owen, Independence, Missouri, and Brian Kraxberger, of Stover, Missouri. Two great-grand children, Jason and Jeffrie Owen of Independence, Missouri.

Rachel Merriott, born September 17, 1906, married Delmar Rapp, November 14, 1929. Four children, Burton Rapp, JoAnn Rapp Bormann, Cole Camp, Missouri, June Rapp Huffman, Denver, Colorado, and Mary Ellen Rapp Nolting, Stover, Missouri.

May 15, 1943, a tornado came through the Stover community and Delmar and Rachel Rapp and their son Burton were killed. JoAnn and June Rapp were taken into the home of Charles Rapp and Mary Ellen Rapp was taken into the home of Orlyn H. Merriott and became a part of this family.

Mary Ellen Rapp, born September 18, 1940, married Fredrick D. Nolting, April 26, 1957. Four children, Anthony Dean, Kimberly Jean, Bradley Alan, and Carey Lee.

Anthony Dean Nolting, born September 19, 1957.

Kimberly Jean Nolting, born November 27, 1958, married Lyman Moore, August 5, 1977. One child, Keith Alan Moore, born November 4, 1978.

Bradley Alan Nolting, born July 3, 1963.

Carey Lee Nolting, born February 6, 1966. *by Orlyn H. Merriott*

## ROGER MEYER

Roger Meyer is the eldest of three sons of Hugh A. and Gussie K. Meyer. Hugh Meyer came to Versailles in 1928 to manage the Cash Drug Store for the doctors Gunn. He later owned the store and another at 111 South Monroe. He retired from the business in 1956. Roger came to Versailles in 1929 as an employee of Union Electric in the construction of Bagnell Dam. Hugh Meyer was the son of Jacob C. and Angeline Carroll Meyer. J.C. opened a drug store in Jamestown, Moniteau County about 1880. In 1910, this became J.C. Meyer and Son Drugs. Hugh operated the store until coming to Versailles in 1928. Gussie was the daughter of Adolph and Marie Klingeberger, both of whom immigrated from Germany. Adolph was a minister in the German Evangelical Church. Hugh and Gussie Meyer are survived by three sons: Don, Mariposa, CA, Hugh Jr., Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Roger.

Gussie K. Meyer

Hugh A. Meyer

Viola is the daughter of William E. and Mary C. Jolly. William Jolly came to Morgan County in the early 1900's from Pettis County. He was a rural Mail Carrier in Stover, carrying the mail by horse and buggy. In 1918 he transferred to Versailles, continuing as a rural carrier until his retirement in 1941. Mary Jolly was the daughter of Jacob S. Hunter who was the son of Samuel M. Hunter. Samuel was born in 1805 near Mattox Bridge, Virginia, migrating to Ohio in 1833 and to Pettis County Missouri in 1845. He moved to Morgan County in 1854 and opened a general store at Riverview, South of Stover on Osage River. His son Jacob joined him later, moving from Huntsville, Missouri. Mary Hunter opened a millinery store in Stover in 1905. She also worked in a store in Cole Camp and for Warren Boles mother in Versailles, in a shop located up stairs in the old Curtis Building. She married William Ed Jolly in 1912, five children survive: Mary Josephine, Silver Springs, Maryland; Joseph P., Versailles; Edward Hunter, St. Louis; Robert Vaughn, Kansas City; and Viola.

Viola and Roger were married in 1934. They spent two years in Dallas, Texas, the rest of their married life has been in Versailles. Roger worked for Kroger Grocery, Missouri Utilities Co. and after 1940 for the United States Postal Service. He retired as Assistant Postmaster in 1972. The couple have two children: William A. "Bill" is in the grocery business in Clinton, Missouri. Mary Jo, now Mrs. Kent Cable also lives in Clinton. She taught school for ten years. The couple now own and operate The Elite Laundry and Dry Cleaners in Clinton. Bill and wife Donna have two sons; Mike and Rick.

The Meyers have been active in the United Methodist Church since Epworth League days. Vi holds an honorary Life Membership in United Methodist Women. Roger has held many positions in the local church, District, and Conference. Roger was charter president of the Versailles Kiwanis Club of Versailles in 1947. He has continued an active Kiwanian, serving two terms as Lieutenant Governor and twenty years as club secretary. Roger was active in Scouting and holds the Silver Beaver award for service to boys. He served two terms as chairman of the Board of Education and was secretary to that group for six years.

## CHRISTOPHER MEUSCHKE

Christopher Meuschke was born Jan. 23, 1829 in Smilden, Germany. He married Augusta Martin, born Feb. 3, 1821, in Germany. They came to the United States in 1865 by sailboat and the journey took six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meuscke

They were the parents of seven children, Pauline, Emil, Henrietta, Augusta, August, Anna and Oscar. Henrietta was

born and died at sea. She was named for the captain of the ship, Henry.

The Knispel Family — 1865
*Top row:* Marie Knispel. *2nd row:* Louise, Waldmar and Ludwig. *Bottom:* William and Adolphine.

They came to Illinois in the vicinity of Laclede and later moved to Moundridge, Kans. where they lived on a farm the rest of their lives.

Their oldest son, Emil, said his father's family operated a brick yard in Germany. He was born Jan. 30, 1861 at Saxon Altenburg, Germany and was four years old when he came to America. He grew up in Illinois and on Oct. 6, 1881 he married Adolphine Knispel. After the birth of their first child they moved to Moundridge, Kans., where he worked for eleven years as a fireman on the Santa Fe Railroad and later lived at Nickerson, KS.

They moved by covered wagon Oct., 1898 with their children, Anna, Luke, Carl and Marie, to Morgan County, Mo. He bought land and built a house of native lumber taken from his farm and the house is still in good condition. He died March 4, 1940 and his wife died at age 100 on May 8, 1958.

Adolphine Knispel was born Aug. 16, 1857 at Posen, Germany. Her parents were Ludwig Knispel and Louise Kass. Their children were Waldemar and William, Marie and Adolphine. The father owned a dye palnt in Germany where he dyed and printed material country women wove and brought to have printed. The mother operated a bake shop.

When Adolphine was 15 years old, she came to America with her family and they settled at Laclede, Ill. Ludwig Knispel died in Illonois and Louise spent her last years with her daughter, Adolphine Meuschke, and died at age 94.

Descendants of the Meuschke and Knispel family were fifteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, fourteen great-great grandchildren.

Marie Meuschke Goddard of Versailles is the only living descendant. *Written by Marie Mueschke Goddard*

## GLENN JAMES (JIM) MILBURN

Glenn James (Jim) Milburn was born in Versailles, Mo., March 19, 1943 to Glenn Raymond and Delores Greenwood Milburn, and is a grandson of James Monroe and Clara Isabelle Robertson Milburn. (For more of ancestral history of Glenn James Milburn see history of James Monroe Milburn.)

Jim, Kenny 4, Carrol, Tim 9.

Glenn Raymond Milburn was born near Barnett, Mo. September 20, 1913 and Delores Greenwood, born in Dubuque, Iowa July 23, 1917. They were married in 1940, and made their home in Carlisle, Iowa. Glenn entered Military service in 1942 during World War II, and Glenn James (Jim) was born while his father was in service.

Jim's first few years were spent in Carlisle, Iowa with his mother, and in Guttenburg, Iowa with his great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Weber. In January 1947, when he was 3 years, nine months old, he came to Missouri to make his home with his aunt, Mabel Lehman and husband Elbert, near Versailles, on a farm in the Bethel Mennonite Community, where he was raised as a son. There were no other children in the Lehman home.

Before the country schools in the area were consolidated, he attended grades one to eight in two different one-room rural schools in Morgan County, the first being Providence school with Mrs. Agnes Jenkins teacher, the second being Prairie Valley with Miss Alma Lehman teacher. His high school freshman class was the first freshman class to enroll in the new Versailles consolidated school in September 1957. Jim graduated from Versailles High School in 1961 and graduated from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, Mo. in 1965 with a B.S. degree in education. He taught Industrial Arts in Houston, Mo. high school, and during his first year of teaching he lost his Uncle Elbert Lehman suddenly in December 1965. He later taught in Jefferson City High School until he was called into military service.

On June 4, 1966 Jim married Carrol Jean Davis (born Feb. 3, 1946), daughter of Ray and Dorothy David, Raytown, Mo. Carrol attended Raytown schools, and Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg.

During Jim's military service in the Vietnam war he spent four years with the Air Force in Texas, Oklahoma and Vietnam. When he returned home from service he and his family moved to Kansas City, Mo. where he now resides. They have two sons: Timothy James, born June 30, 1969, and Kenneth Lee, born Nov. 22, 1974.

Jim is a charter member of the Morgan County Historical Society and also a lifetime member. He is employed as a salesman by International Harvester Company in Kansas City and is quite active in Optimist Club, Masonic Lodge, and Shriners Club.

Jim's father, Glenn Raymond was married to Helen Petree February 14, 1948 and lives in Carlisle, Iowa. His mother, Delores Greenwood married Howard Becker in 1951 and had three sons: Robert, born 1953, Charles, born 1955, and Mike, born 1958, giving Jim three half-brothers who reside in Dubuque, Iowa. *By Mabel Lehman*

## JAMES MONROE MILBURN

It is not known what country the Snodgrass and Milburn ancestors migrated from, or where they settled in U.S. but we know they migrated to Moniteau and Cole Counties, Missouri in the 1800's. History of James Monroe Milburn goes back to his maternal grandparents Samuel Snodgrass (born 1789) and Nancy Snodgrass (born 1792). Two daughters, Margaret (1815-1886) and Salena (1832) were born in Cole County. Margaret married William Milburn (born 1810, died 1880) and settled in Moniteau County near McGirk, Mo., and borne twelve children: John, George, Joseph, Leonard, James, Able, Henry, Jane, Nancy, Frances, and William Riley.

William Riley Milburn (born 1838, died 1902) married Adeline Huff (born 1841, died 1865) and had three children: Margaret, William, and Elizabeth. On December 4, 1867 William married Ellen Mosely (born 1847, died 1889), daughter of Parks Mosely (born 1821, died 1905) and Martha Pearson Mosely. Parkes was born in Alabama, moved to Louisiana at age six, and family moved to Moniteau County in 1864. Parkes and Martha had several children, among them: Amanda, Elya, John, Frank, and William. William Riley and Ellen Mosely Milburn had nine children: Thomas, Presley, Minnie, Ellamay, Amanda, Charles, Alice, Homer, and James Monroe. The family moved to a farm in Miller County, near Eldon, and their home was in the path of a huge tornado that swept through the country in 1880 and wiped out the town of Old Barnett.

James Monroe was born August 28, 1870, and on September 9, 1896 was married to Clara Isabelle Robertson. We don't know what country the Robertsons, Immels, and Weavers came from but do know these families settled in Ohio, and some came to Missouri in the 1860's.

Clara Isabelle Robertson was born May 15, 1874 near Logan, Illinois to Charles and Elizabeth Weaver Robertson. Besides Clara they had Mary, Flora, Dora, and Jim.

Clara's great grandparents were James and Martha Weaver, of Clarksburg, Ohio. They had a son James, born 1816, who on April 1, 1888 married Nancy Immel (born 1817, died 1866). James and Nancy Weaver had twelve children: William, Benjamin, David, James, Zacharias, Clarifsa, Elias, Louis, John, James, Charles, and Elizabeth (mother of Clara).

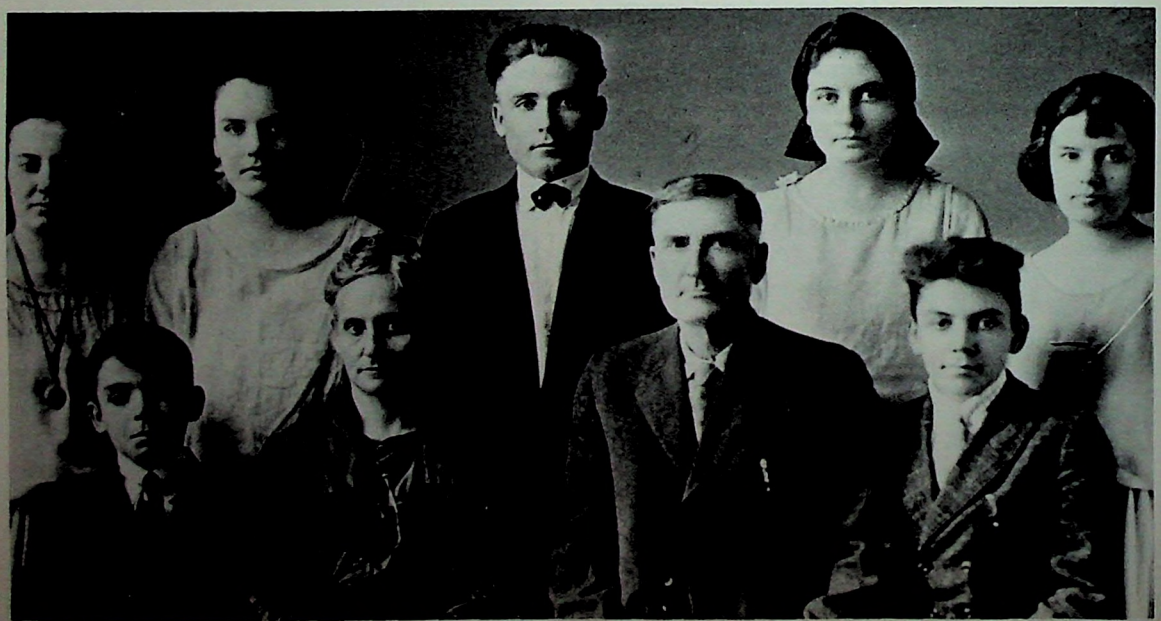
Clara's father died in 1877 and her mother died in 1883 when Clara was nine years old. She came to Morgan County to the home of her uncle and wife Elias and Anna Hull Weaver, near Barnett, and was reared as a daughter along with Jesse and Daisy Weaver, until her marriage to James Monroe Milburn. They lived near Grinell, Iowa a few years, then back to Morgan County near Barnett for the remainder of their married life. They were the parents of ten children: Clarence, Bertha, Elmer, Ethel, Mabel, Bessie, Hattie, Lester, Glenn, and Babe Milburn. (For more history of James Monroe Milburn's children see history of Elbert Lehman).

In the 1920's and 1930's James Monroe Milburn was very active in Missouri Farmers Organization and traveled many miles in the county helping organize the first M.F.A. farm clubs in the county. He spent a few years as manager of the Farmers Elevator at Barnett. He served as democratic Judge of Eastern district of Morgan County Court 1931 to 1934.

James Monroe died June 18, 1935. Clara lived her last years in Versailles and died May 14, 1946. *By Mabel Lehman*

## JOE MILBURN

The first Milburn of this branch of the Milburn family, John Milburn, Sr., came from England to settle in Frederick County, Va. about 1725. According to "History of Shenandoah Valley Pioneers', he and his son, Robert, (also a direct forebear) voted in 1758 for George Washington as delegate to



James Monroe Milburn Family

*L to r, front:* Glenn, Clara, Monroe, Lester; *Back row:* Bertha, Hattie, Clarence, Bessie and Mabel.

the House of Burgess. Four generations later, his great-great-grandson, Jonathan Milburn, was the first of this family to establish a home in Morgan County, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Milburn and son Jack, taken in 1908

Jonathan Milburn was born July 1, 1819 in Washington County, Kentucky. After the death of his father, in 1827, he and his brother William were "bound out" to learn the art of tanning and curing from a craftsman there. In 1843, he married Susan Hupp of Virginia. Later he and his family formed a wagon train. They moved westward through Indiana and Illinois to settle in Putnam County, Missouri in 1851. In 1865, Jonathan Milburn moved his family to Morgan County, Missouri. He died there in 1874 and was buried in the family burial plot on his farm just west of Florence, Missouri. His wife died in 1894 and was buried in Freedom Cemetery in Morgan County. Ten children were issues of this marriage, the youngest of which was christened Josephus, but who later changed his name to "Joe".

Joe Milburn in front of Everett Spaulding Shop and Dr. Dooley's office at Glensted, Mo.

Joe Milburn was born in Putnam County, Missouri Sept. 14, 1848. He moved to Morgan County with his parents in 1865. After receiving his education in Morgan County schools, he became a schoolmaster in the public school of Florence. After teaching for about three years, Joe Milburn left Florence in 1880. He then settled near the newly-built Booneville-Versailles branch of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad at the intersection of the East-West, North-South main highways. Also at this site was an established Methodist Church. Here he built a general merchandise store. The area had many German-speaking inhabitants and Mr. Milburn spoke their language fluently. The Milburn store became the focal point of the community.

Joe Milburn founded, planned, mapped, and established a village community which he named Glenstead (later Glensted) for the German town birth place of one of his former students. From this beginning, he charted its growth.

On Christmas Day in 1881, Joe Milburn and Nancy Ellen Fisher were united in marriage. She was the daughter of a long-time Morgan County resident, Trustin' Fisher (whose great-great grandfather came from Germany and landed in New York in 1741 then settled in Schuykill River, Penn.), and of Nancy Hull Fisber (whose family had immigrated from Holland). Nancy Hull's father was a horticulturist and the Nancy Hull sweet potato was named for his only child.

The union of Nancy Ellen Fisher and Joe Milburn produced seven children during the years between 1883 and 1903. These offspring were born and grew up in Glensted. They and the number of their children are: Mrs. George F. Boothe (Maude), three children; Mrs. W.W. Wallace (Marie), six children; Fred O. Milburn, three children; Mrs. L.D. Phelan (Frances), two children; Mrs. John H. Morris (Josephine); Mrs. Douglas G. Hubbard (Leah), three children; and Jack Milburn. At this date, 1979, four are living: Fred of Kansas City, Frances of Blacksburg, Va., Josephine of Hot Springs, Ark., and Jack of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. These Milburns have approximately 90 direct descendents, many of whom were born in, lived in, or have family and close ties to, the Morgan County community.

Joe Milburn prospered in his business and Glensted grew with him. His store expanded to three buildings over the years. He bought produce cord wood, and railroad ties from local people. He built and owned a lumber yard for many years, erected stock yards from which stock was shipped to St. Louis by local farmers. He was ticket agent for the railroad, Wells-Fargo Express Co. agent, and Glensted postmaster for many years.

About 1893, Joe Milburn had a concrete building constructed. It was known as the "Concrete Church" and used for interdenominational church services, although Mr. Milburn as a member of the Freedom Baptist Church, where he and his wife were members for 50 years. This building he donated to the Glensted village community.

Joe Milburn co-charted the Masonic Lodge in Glensted The lodge room was above his store. He was a Knight Templar, a Shriner, and a 32nd degree Mason. He took a very active part in Masonic affairs throughout the State of Missouri. Ellen Milburn was a 50-year member of OES. They both belonged to and supported other fraternal and community organizations.

For 50 years, Joe and Ellen Milburn were residents of Glensted. Joe Milburn died March 10, 1930 and was buried in Versailles cemetery. Ellen Milburn died in June 1941 and was buried beside her husband. Because Joe and Ellen Milburn lived, their family, their community, their friends, and their employeees are better for having known the integrity, the fairness, and the generosity of these people.

## ODA CHARLES MILLER

Oda Charles (Chuck) Miller born 11-9-24 in Winslow, Ark. youngest son of Oda Steele and Hattie Pearl Miller. He has five sisters, Kathleen Williams, Lilah Riddle, Ona Bess Lee, Pearl Guinn Patten and Marilyn Sandbrook (dec.), and one brother, William.

In 1929, the family moved to Kansas City, Mo. After graduating from Northeast High School in 1943, Chuck entered the U.S. Army and served in the 3rd Armored Divison in Europe and after 20 years of active and reserve duty, retired with the rank of Major.

After the war, Chuck and his brother went into business together, operating Miller Bros. Sinclair Service in Northeast Kansas City, Mo.

On Aug. 22, 1952, Chuck married Winona McCorkle Town, only daughter of Albert L. and Rosa McCorkle, born 2-3-25. She has five brohters, Roland, Gene, Maurice (dec.), LeRoy, and Nathan (dec.). The McCorkle family lived in Hoisington, Kansas until 1935 when they moved to Kansas City, Mo. Winona graduated Northeast High School in 1942 and was married to William H. Town in October, 1947 and they had one son, William Henry, Jr. born June 25, 1950. William, Sr. died in Nov., 1950 and when Chuck and Winona married, Chuck

Mr. and Mrs. Oda C. Miller

James Asa Mobley, about 1948 -49 when employed by a bank in Ft. Collins, Colo.

adopted William, Jr. and changed his name to Miller. Chuck and Winona have three other children, Kathleen (born 2-27-54) Hedrick of Raytown, Mo., James Charles (born 8-1-55) of Springfield, Ill. and Robert David (born 8-2-58) of the home, currently a student at the Univ. of Missouri at Columbia. They also have three grandchildren, Tracy (born 12-7-67), and Kellee (born 11-25-70) Miller, daughters of William and Michele of Gravois Mills and Michael David Hedrick (born 9-10-72), son of Kathleen and Terry Hedrick of Raytown, Mo.

In 1960, the Miller Bros. sold their business and purchased Miller's Shady Rest Resort on the lake. In 1963, Chuck was employed by the Russell P. Hall Co. and the family moved to Versailles in Dec. of that year. Chuck worked as a salesman and later managed the company and eventually purchased the Russell P. Hall Co. from the Hall family. His oldest son, Bill, works in the Versailles office and Bill's wife, Michele, works in the Laurie office. For a time, his son Jim, worked in the Versailles office but has since returned to live in Springfield, Ill.

Chuck and Winona are active members of the United Methodist Church. Chuck is also active in the American Legion, Lake of the Ozarks Board of Realtors, a director on the State Board of Realtors, Versailles Cemetery Board, belongs to the V.F.W. and Masonic Lodge and each year attends the annual reunion of the 3rd Armored Div., his wartime unit. Winona is active in the United Methodist Women, the Junior Sorosis Club and the Good Shepherd Nursing Home Guild and attends meetings and reunions with Chuck. *by Winona V. Miller*

## JAMES ASA MOBLEY

James Asa Mobley's great grandparents, James and Peggy Mobley, traveled from South Carolina to Cumberland County, Kentucky. To them one son, William R., was born. He met and married Elizabeth Campbell in 1830. About 1833 they moved to Versailles, Morgan County, Missouri. They had a family of nine children. A son born in 1835 was named Benjamin Campbell. He wed a young woman who came to Missouri with her family from Patrick County, Virginia. She was Harriet Newell Gray. To this union twelve children were born, six boys and six girls. The eighth child was James Asa, born July 17, 1875 in Versailles. His brothers were Wm. Oscar, Norman Owen, Robert Lee, Benjamin Franklin, and Samuel Beal; his sisters were Nancy Anna, Desdemonia, Lucy Jane, Emma, Lillie and Pearl. Not much is known of Jim's early life, but he grew up, received an education, and when in his twenties left home to seek his fortune.

Jim went to Texas, then about 1900 he moved to Colorado where he helped build Great Western Sugar factories. He worked as a riveter at first, then later as foreman. About this time he met Margaret Elder, daughter of William and Ida (Bauer) Elder, and they were married September 15, 1907 in Fort Collins, Colorado. They lived a while in Swink, Colorado, then went to Fort Collins where their daughter, Harriet Lucille, was born; and two years later in Laramie, Wyoming, their son, Robert Lee, arrived. Jim managed several restaurants, and served as guide and cook for hunting parties in the mountains. Before his retirement he was employed as custodian for the Poudre Valley National Bank and the Poudre Valley Electric Association. Always interested in politics, he ran for Sheriff of Larimer County on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated.

Jim's daughter, Harriet, lives in Fairfax, Missouri. She married Ronald L. Cundall, a Veterinarian. Three children were born to them, Lawrence Ronald, Marlene Ann, and Thomas James. Her husband died January 15, 1975.

Lawrence, who works for Air Canada, married Doris Martin. They live in Canada, and have five children; Ronald, Ann Marlene, Darlene, Donald, and Robert. The three oldest are married. Ronald to Cynthia Pike and they have a daughter, Jennifer. They live in Canada as does Darlene who married Darren Schulte. They have a daughter, Krista. Ann Marlene is the wife of Harold Kerr, and their daughter is Amanda. Their home is in Newfoundland. The two younger boys at home attend school.

Marlene Ann is Mrs. John N. Egeland. They reside in Fairfax, Mo. where John has a machine shop. Their only child, Nancy Elisabeth, is a sophomore at Fairfax High School.

Thomas James, at present not married, is employed at Community Hospital in Fairfax, and commutes to his home at Big Lake, Missouri.

Jim's son, Robert Lee, a Commercial Artist in California, married and separated Colleen Gray, then married Jane Gilbert. They had one daughter, Robin Lynn. She married twice and her second husband was Emil La Chambre. They had two children, Marcel Robert and Gabrielle Janine. They have since separated and Robin's address is not known. Robert Lee died December 29, 1964 at Fort Collins.

James Asa Mobley passed away June 13, 1958 at the age of 82 years. His widow, Margaret, lives in a nursing home and is quite frail. She was 90 years old in September 1978. Jim entertained his children with tall tales of Missouri, they weren't always believed, but made interesting listening. He returned to the place of his birth only twice, but it is certain he held fond memories of his family, friends, and growing up in old Missouri. *by Harriet L. Cundall*

## WILLIAM R. MOBLEY

William R. Mobley Sr., born 1807 Cumberland County, Kentucky died 1892 Morgan Coutny, Mo. In 1829 at age 22, he married 1. Elizabeth Campbell, also a native of Cumberland Co., Ky. 1805-1879. Both are buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. They had nine children. When William was a young child, his mother died and he was sent to an uncle to be raised. He remained with the uncle until he was twenty and then started out for himself as a farmhand. In 1833, he and his wife moved to Morgan Co., Mo. He was a member of the Baptist Church and was a preacher for 30 years. He was a volunteer in the Mormon War in 1839 in Missouri. After his first wife's death, he married 10/6/1880 to 2. Mrs. Priscilla A. Brown, born 1826, died 1906, the widow of Harry Brown of England, who was murdered during the Civil War. There were no children by this second marriage. It appears that William Mobley was received in 1840 by Old Bethleham Church as a member, he became pastor in 1849.

His parents were James W. Mobley and Peggy Ravden both natives of South Carolina. Her parents were Benjamin and Chloe (Farris) Campbell of Virginia. He (her father) was a soldier in the French and Indian War. The children of William R. Mobley and Elizabeth Campbell: 1. Amanda B. 1831-1848. 2. James M. Mobley 1833-1885 married Harriet Daniels 1844-1884 both are buried Oak Grove Cemetery. He was in the Union Army during the Civil War. They had 11 children. (See David Daniels family). 2. Benjamin C. 1835-1909 married Harriet N. Gray 1845-1916. They had 12 children. They moved to Texas and located in Abilene in 1905. 4. Nancy A. 1837-1891 married Asa M. Murray and had 8 children. Located in Floresville, Texas. 5. William R. Mobley, Jr. 1839-1863. 6. Sarah J. 1841-1853. 7. Jemima 1843-1935 married John L. Scott had three children. 8. Susan (Sudie) 1845-1882 married John G. Duff and had two children. 9. Thomas P. 1847-1925 married Mary Williams and had six children.

The grandchildren of William R. Mobley and Elizabeth Campbell are:

1. Children of James M. and Harriet (Daniels) Mobley are: 1. Mary Elizabeth 1860-1906 married Willard C. Brown of Morgan Co. and had seven children. 2. William L. 1862-1943 married Malinda J. Brown, sister to Willard C. Brown above, and had eleven children, only seven surviving to adulthood. 3. Lenora 1865-1888. 4. Jemmima 1868-1889 married Charles Campbell. No issue. 5. Susan A. 1870-1879. 6. Lucy O. 1871-1951 married Henry Crutchfield and had two children. 7. David 1873-1951. Single. 8. Agnes Mobley 1876-1947 married Thomas A. Luttrell and had six children. 9. Samuel 1878-1880. 10. James A. 1881-1947. Single. 11. Harriet A. died as an infant.

2. The children of William L. and Malinda J. (Brown) Mobley: 1. Harriett 1887-1888 (a twin). 2. Josiphine 1887-1888 (a twin). 3. Henry H. 1889-1963 married Margaret H. Ballard and had three children. 4. Ocello B. 1890-1964 married Josephine Strubbs and had six children. 5. John D. 1892-1971 married Myrl Tormey and had three children. 6. Gracie L. 1895-1895. 7. James A. 1896-1971 married Sidney I. Jarmon and had two children. 8. Clarence D. 1898-1973 married Elsie Williamson had no issue. 9. William P. 1900, d. 1918. 10. Minnie L. 1904- married Leroy P. Crenshaw and had one son. 11. Gladys E. 1907- married Thomas C. Flynn, Sr. and had two children.

6. The children of Henry S. and Lucy O. (Mobley) Crutchfield: 1. Maud J. 1895- married Allan Sherman and had two children. 2. Henry E. 1897-1974 married Anna Black and had three children. (One did not survive.)

The children of Thomas A. and Agnes (Mobley) Luttrell: 1. Birdie L. 1898- married William R. Dresser and had two children. 2. Rachel L. 1902-1969 married Charles J. Schick. No issue. 3. James L. 1905-1974 married Betty Markley. No issue. 4. Edwin A. 1909-1972 marreid Margaret Dovgalo and had one daughter. 5. Thomas A. Jr. 1912-1936. Single. 6. Agnes L. 1915- married Charles E. Ennis and had four children.

3. The children of Benjamin Campbell and Harriet (Newell) Mobley: 1. Nanca 1863-1911 married Samuel Beverly Gunn and had four children. She died when the children were young. 3. William O. 1866-1953 married Mary E. O'Neill and had nine children located first in Abilene, Texas then Colton, Calif. in 1926. 4. Desdmonie 1868-1893 married Albert M. Jones and had three children. 5. Norman O. 1870-1950 married Mattie S. Robertson and had three children. Located in Taylor County, Texas in 1904. 6. Benjamin F. 1871-1926 married Zella Clark and had two children. First located in Leadville, Colo., in 1915 located in Portland, Ore. 7. Lucy J. 1873, died in infancy. 8. James A. 1875-1958 married Margaret M. Elder and had two children. Located Fort Collins, Colorado. 9. Emma E. 1877-1909 Single. 10. Samuel B. 1880-1953 married Mary Brownfield. No issue. 11. Lillie L. 1882-1911 married James A. Dudley and had one son. Located Saguache, Colo. 12. Pearl V. 1887-1938 married George M. Roach and had one dau. Resided Lubbock, Tex.

4. Children of Asa M. and Nancy A. (Mobley) Murray: 1. William O. 1857-1928 married Ella S. Peacock and had five children. They resided in Floresville, Tex. 2. Sarah E. 1860-1863. 3. James S. 1862-1945 married 1. Dora M. New and had 10 children. 2. Second marriage Margaret M. Franklin and had three children. 5. Margaret A. 1868-1956 married Joseph O. Boehmer. No issues. 6. Mary S. 1872, 196__ married Ora L. Ezzell and had four children. Located in Floresville, Tex. 7. Bettie A. 1875- married O.A. McCracken, Sr. and had one son. 8. Asa B. 1879-1962 married Gertrude Bailey and had one daughter.

7. Children of John L. and Jemima (Mobley) Scott: 1. George W. died in infancy. 2. Perry T. 1869-__ married Dellah McKinney. No issue. 3. William G. 1871-1906 married Nancy Nobles and had six children.

8. Children of John G. and Susan (Sudie) (Mobley) Duff: 1. Minnie b. 1871, __? 2. Nancy E. 1872-1964 married Ephriam A. Gunn and had 5 children. (See Gunn Family listing.) (Consult Sudie Ferrin for information.)

9. Children of Thomas P. and Mary (Williams) Mobley: 1. Elizabeth J. 1874- married Ira Etter and had three children. Located in Oregon. 2. William D. 1878-1953 married Daisy D. Imler and had two sons. 3. Charlie E. 1880-1967 married Floy Goodman and had six children. Located Canon City, Colo. 4. Bird Bertha __-__ married 1. Dennis Atkinson and had one son. Second marriage (no data). 5. Beatrice B. 1913-1967 married John A. Salle and had two children. Located in Napa, Calif. 6. Beale 1886-1900 or '04 while a school boy. *Submitted by Alice Brown*

## MARTIN MONSESS

Martin Monsess, father of Fred Monsess, who lived in Versailles, was born in 1837, died 1906. He came to the Pyrmont area of Morgan County from Germany in 1849 with his mother, stepfather and half-brother, Henry Hrack. His stepfather died and was buried at sea.

In 1853 he bought 80 acres of land between the two Richland creeks in Bethel School district. He added to the land until he owned 400 acres. He sold part of it in the 1800's and the rest remained in the family until it was sold by his grandchildren 99 years later in 1952. He operated a blacksmith shop at his farm in the 1880's and 1890's.

He served as a home guard in the Union army during the Civil War. He and another man were captured by the Bushwackers, blindfolded and taken to the Osage River, where their captors had planned to hang them that night. They decided to drink their gallon of whiskey before the hanging and put it off until the next morning. During the night Martin and his companion escaped. After running northward for two days, traveling at night, they recognized a place south of Versailles.

He married Katherine Mangles (1840-1884). Their children were Gus (1860-1874) Fred (1862-1930), Henry (1865-1933), John (1869-1940), Louis (1875-1948), Herman (1878-1945),

Herman Monsess, Jan. 4, 1911

William Martin (1880-1880) who died at age 8 months, Anna (1882-1902), she died at age two and was raised by her uncle, John Mangles.

Martin Monsess spelled his name Monsees, but, all of his sons used the Monsess spelling and it is still used by the family.

Fred Monsess went to New York as a young man and after several years returned to Morgan County to live in Excelsior several years. He was assessor of Morgan County in the early 1900's. In 1905 he married Florence Smith, a school teacher from Otterville, Mo. After moving to Versailles he had an automobile agency and a gas and oil business. Both are buried at Otterville.

Henry, John and Louis Monsess never married. Henry and Louis lived on the home place until their deaths. They are buried in Nolting Cemetery, northeast of Stover, where their parents are buried.

Herman Monsess spent several years in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska with wheat harvest. In 1912 he married Frances Parker. They owned a farm in the Hinken community north of Stover, the farm where his sister, Anna, was raised. Their children are Bettina and Albert. They are the only grandchildren of Martin and Katherine. Herman and Frances are buried at Stover.

Bettina taught school in Morgan County several years. Albert was a flight engineer in the airforce in World War II, stationed in Africa during most of the war. After the war Bettina married Harry Monsess and Albert married Irene Monsess, Harry's sister, in a double wedding. They were grandchildren of another Martin Monsess, who also came to Morgan County from Germany.

Bettina and Harry owned a farm north of Stover where she still lives. Their children are Dayton, Lynelle, Lora and Shellene. They are the only great-great grandchildren of Martin Monsess still living in Morgan County. Mary Alice, a school teacher in Oregon, Lenora, a nurse in Idaho and married to Gary Brown, Ruth Anne, a librarian in Boonville, Mo.

Albert and Irene Monsess live in northern Illinois. Their children are Kenneth, married to Carol Wilkie, live in Virginia, Loren, married to Cindy Field, live in Illinois, Vernon, married Kimberly Hayden, live in northern Illinois.

## JASPER MOON

Jasper Moon and wife Catherine came from Tenn., and settled in Morgan County. They had several children, Robert, Zueby, Job, John, and others.

Robert married Lucindy Driskel, they were the parents of one boy, William Fields, who married Lucindy Miller, their children, John, Harve, Frank, Forest, Mary, Lula, Stella and Betty.

Robert later married Elizabeth Hodges, who came from South Carolina to Missouri. During the Civil War the bushwackers tried to burn the house, but Elizabeth put the fire out, and saved their home. Their children were, Mary Jane, Mahala Katheryn, James Jasper, Thomas Abel, Robert Franklin, who died in infancy, Georg Washington died at 23 years of age, Cynthia Adeline, Viola died at infancy.

Mary Jane and Mahala married brothers whose name was Mock. James married Ollie Moon and lived in Vernon County. Their children, Amie, Elvira, William, Curtis, Graden, Gordon, Martha and Robert.

Thomas married Belle Peoples, their children, Elsie and Ervin of Fortuna, Mo. Ervin married Estella Cooper, they had one daughter Anita Jean.

Cynthia married John Porter Akin of Akinsville. Their children: Maudie, Bernie, Clint, Bethel and Elbert.

Maudie married Eugene Nichols of Tipton, Mo. Their children, Loyd, Melvin, John, Marvin, Lewis, Mildred and Nadine. Eugene died in 1930. Maudie later married Edward Skinner. They had one son, Hugh Raymond, who lives in New Jersey. In 1949 Maudie married W.E. Wallin of Lebanon, Mo.

Bernie married Cecil Bowen, their children, Norman and Fritz.

Clint married Gladys Madole, they had one daughter, Carol Jean.

Bethel married Paul Clodfelter of Versailles, Mo.

Elbert married, Vivian Yarnell of Fortuna, Mo. Their children, Lowell and Brooks.

Loyd Nichols married Cynthia Baxter of Fortuna, Mo.

Melvin died at 23 years old in 1941.

John married Helen Welcher of Iowa. Their children, the first a son, who died at birth, Phyllis, Barbara and David.

Marvin married Ila Mae Parrish of Syracuse, Mo. Their children Linda, Deanna, Ronnie and Paula Sue.

Lewis married Mrs. Helen Bonner. Their children, Kenneth Wayne, Jay and Craig.

Mildred married Norman Offineer of Versailles. Their children, Sharon, Sandra, Kathleen and Kim Arlene. They live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Nadine married Elmo Kays. Their children, Beverly, Donald, Joseph, Becky, Cynthia, Hugh and Williams.

Beverly married Bob Chastain of Lebanon, Mo. Their children, Robby and Bryan.

Donald married Patsy Couts of Sedalia, Mo. They have one son, Justin. They live in Sedalia, Mo.

Joseph single and lives at home in Versailles.

Becky married Lyle Sizer of Stover. Their children, Scotty, Nicole and Erin.

Cynthia lives at home in Versailles.

Hugh married Cheri Sizer of Stover.

William lives at home and is in high school.

Hugh Skinner married Louise Medley of Lebanon, Mo. They had two daughters, Deborah Lynne and Treasa Gale. Hugh and Louise separated and Hugh later married a girl in New Jersey. Their children, Michael, Craig, John and Robert. They live in New Jersey. *Written by Maudie Wallin*

## CHARLES M. MOORE

Charles Monroe Moore (1866-1939) was born in Morgan County, son of George Washington and Margaret Jones Moore. He was a well known stockman and farmer in the Akinsville community.

He was married to Viola Arizona Inge (1869-1963) daughter of James L. and Juliett Smith Inge, also of Morgan County.

They had two children, Loyd V. Moore of Kansas City and Velma (Mrs. Elmer Vogt). They also reared two other children in their home, Morton S. Moore, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Josephine Roberts of Edgerton, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore lived several years in Versailles, where Mr. Moore was manager of the old Morgan County Elevator. From Versailles they moved back to the Akinsville community.

Mr. Moore was a member of Akinsville Church. He was a deacon there for several years. When he retired from farming in 1938, they moved to Glensted, Mo.

After Mr. Moore's death, Mrs. Moore moved to Versailles. Most of her time was spent at handwork. Her specialty was crocheting rag rugs.

She was a member of Akinsville Church until she moved her membership to the First Baptist Church in Versailles.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are buried in Akinsville Cemetery. *by Pauline Vogt Dornes*

## FORREST WASHINGTON MOORE

Forrest Washington Moore was born Feb. 4, 1882 near Akinsville, Mo. the son of John Robert Moore and Theodosia Scoggins Moore. Robert Moore was born April 1, 1852 in Morgan County, Mo., died Feb. 5, 1886 at Bunceton, Mo. Theodosia was born 1858. They were married Mar. 30, 1881.

Forrest Moore was married Sept. 7, 1904 to Loula Sims, born to C.J. and Lavina Sims. They were the parents of four children Ina (Moullman), Hazel (Burlingame), Reed, who died Nov. 18, 1972, and Murray Moore, who died Mar. 4, 1969 age 54.

Forrest Moore was shipping manager for the M.F.A. and operated a service station in Versailles for several years. He spent his life in Morgan County.

Forrest and Loula Moore lived for many years in a large two-story frame house on East McNair street in Versailles.

Reed Moore, born Sept. 14, 1909, married Henrietta Ferguson, born Oct. 21, 1914, daughter of James and Myrtle Campbell, on April 11, 1934. Henrietta died Jan. 28, 1978.

The children of Reed and Henrietta were Forrest Moore, now of Littleton, Colo. and Kay Graham now of Springfield. The children of Forrest and Carolyn McLennan Moore (daughter of Jim and Mary Francis McLennan) are Charles Jefferson and Jamie Lynne. The children of Kay and Tom Graham are Krista and Rickey.

Ina Moore Moullman had no children nor did Hazel Moore Burlingame nor Murray Moore, who married Lela Forrest.

(Theodosia Scroggins Moore, daughter of Edmond Scroggins, born Dec. 28, 1814 in South Carolina and died Mar. 22, 1881, and Salissa Gheon Estes, born Mar. 20, 1820 in Kentucky. Came to Morgan County in 1838. Buried in Freedom Baptist Cemetery near Versailles.)

(John Robert Moore, son of George W. Moore, II, born Feb. 4, 1830 in Cooper County, Mo. died July 12, 1896. His first wife, Lucy Ann Allison, born Moniteau County, Mo. Nov. 2, 1834, married Mar. 30, 1851, and died Dec. 28, 1863, Akinsville, Mo.)

Forrest and Loula Moore, their sons, Murray and Reed, are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## JAMES McCLELLAND MOORE

James McClelland Moore, b. July 27, 1848 — died May 10, 1894, was married to Eliza Catherine Huffman, b. Jan. 20, 1847 — d. Feb. 1, 1935.

They were the parents of six children, Mary Matilda (Mamie) Moore, b. Jan. 20, 1847 — d. June, 1904; John Clarence Moore, b. Aug. 23, 1879 — d. July 2, 1880; Nellie Moore (Barbour), b. Sept. 25, 1880 — d. July 31, 1965; Lillie Moore, b. Sept. 28, 1883, now living at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles, Mo.; Mamie Virginia (Jennie) Moore, b. Dec. 12, 1886 — d. March 10, 1913; Beulah Katie Moore, b. June 11, 1889 — d. Jan. 26, 1917.

Katie married Robert Conner, May 21, 1908. They had two children, Genevieve and Harry Lee.

Nellie married Hugh Barbour in 1896 and they had three children, Clarence Elwood, b. Dec. 14, 1897 — d. Dec. 7, 1968; Lloyd Moore Barbour, b. Oct. 25, 1901 — d. July 26, 1966, and Beatrice Barbour, b. April 22, 1913.

Elwood married Edith Mary McCollister Sept. 8, 1928. They had no children.

Hugh and Nellie Barbour - Wedding picture

Beatrice married Jean Williams May 8, 1932 and they had four children, Harvey, b. Sept. 28, 1939, twin daughters, Nellie Bea (Gates) and Lottie Lee (Scott) b. Dec. 7, 1943, and Larry, b. Oct. 6, 1945.

Jean Williams was born May 3, 1907 and died Sept. 8, 1975.

Harvey Williams married Naomi Pryor, daughter of Clarence and Nora Pryor of Stover, Mo. and they have two daughters, Lisa Gayle, b. May 6, 1967 and Teresa Ann, b. March 25, 1963.

Lottie Lee married James Scott son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scott of Colorado Springs, and they have one son, Jimmy Christopher. Nellie Bea married Keith Gates, son of Mrs. Wilma Gates of Versailles and the late Russell Gates. *by Beatrice Barbour Williams*

## JOSEPH DORAN MOORE

Joseph Doran Moore was a son of John and Matilda Moore, born June 12, 1852 on a farm 2 miles south of Versailles, near Hulett creek. His grandfatehr was Thomas William Moore, born 1774 in Virginia, now West Virginia. Thos. and Sarah Doran Moore moved to Morgan County.

Joe D. Moore moved with his parents, when he was 3 years old, to a farm 3 miles northeast of Versailles, where he lived until marriage to Belle Salmon, daughter of John and Kate Salmon, on Sept. 22nd, 1880. Both had been rural school teachers.

In 1881 the Moores moved into their new home adjoining John Moore's farm. They had 6 children, the first died at birth, others were Lucile, Salmon, Wesley, Mary Young, and Euls Belle.

Lucile married Warren Boles, an attorney in Versailles. Their daughter, Betty Belle, married Orva Albers of Versailles, later making their home in Little Rock, Ark. Warren, Lucile and Orva are deceased. Betty Belle is a graduate of Stephens College.

Salmon married Lois Carr, Chilhowee, Mo. and has continued to live on the Joe Moore farm as a partner with his father in farming and cattle business. They acquired the farm after Joe Moore's death, though they built a new home after a tornado ruined the old home in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore *Seated. From left standing:* Lucille, Salmon, Wesley, Mary Young, Eula Belle.

Wesley attended Central College, Fayette, Mo. and the University of Missouri. He married Margaret Yarnell from California, Mo. Jack was born of this marriage. Wesley worked in the oil business, but since retirement he and Margaret live at University Village, Tulsa, Okla.

Jack Moore received degrees in Petroleum and Geological Engineering at University of Okla., where he met and married Martha DenAdel. Their sons are Scott, Kent and Blake, who are pursuing their education. Jack is with Shell Oil Co. in New Orleans, La.

Mary Young graduated from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. then taught English in Versailles High School one year. She married Martin Brown, a druggist from Wynona, Okla. She is presently living in Versailles and active in community affairs.

Eula Belle attended Stephens College one year, then worked at First National Bank, Tulsa, Okla. There she met Leland S. McArthur, a banker, and later married him. Their only son is Joe Lee. Leland is retired and he and Eula live in Tulsa, Okla.

Joe L. McArthur received a degree in Petroleum Engineering at Tulsa University where he met and married Katherine Hagler. They have three daughters, Anne, Leigh and Susan. Anne McArthur married John Allen, Crockett, Texas; Leigh married Van Garner, Brownfield, Tex. They have two young sons, Val Joe and Chris, great-great grandsons of Joe and Belle Moore. Susan married Ernest Berry, Lubbock, Texas. Joe and Katherine live in Brownfield, Tex. as he is with Amoco Production Co. there.

In 1906, the Joe Moore's purchased and furnished a home in Versailles, on Maple Ave., so their children could attend school easier. The family moved back and forth between the two homes for 13 years. The children loved moving to the farm each summer and back to town in the fall. Joe and Belle Moore's 50th wedding anniversary was an eventful occasion when 400 friends and relatives gathered at their farm home for contributed dinner in the yard, Sept. 22nd, 1930. However, they lived to celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary. That evening Mr. Moore fell, breaking his arm which finally led to his death, Nov. 28th, 1949. He was 97½ years old. Mrs. Moore passed away July 7th, 1954 and was 93½ years old.

The Versailles Methodist Church was the center of the Moore's Christian training. *by Eula Moore McArthur*

## WILLIAM WESLEY MOORE

William Wesley Moore was born in Morgan County, Missouri, in 1854, of John Moore and Matilda Campbell. He was married near Clinton, Mo. in 1883 to Frances Grace Salman,

Joseph D. Moore

Minnie (Salmon) Moore

born in 1862, the daughter of John Merritt Salmon and Mary Kathrine Chism of Henry County.

To this union five sons and two daughters were born: Roy Salmon, John Wesley, Eugene Fleming, Joe Lloyd, Robert James, Kate and Mildred Louise. Kate dying in infancy.

After years in the banking business at Versailles, Wm. Wesley Moore and family moved in 1911 to La Pryor, Zavala County, Texas, to try farming. They lived there seven years before moving back to Versailles where Wm. Wesley Moore served four years as Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Morgan County and later as Judge of the County Court. He was deceased in 1941 at Boonville, Missouri at the home of his daughter Mrs. Andrew Cassel Gingrich (Mildred). *by Mrs. Andrew C. Gingrich*

## WILLIAM H. MORRIS

William H. Morris born June 19, 1777 Va., died Aug. 9, 1858, buried Mt. Nebo Ch. Cem. Wife Mary M. Morris died Dec. 14, 1863. They had lived in a two room house on the Ky. and Tenn. line before coming here in 1837. Their land was located here in: Sec. 21, T. 43, Range 18.

Their children: Martha Brooks Morris (born Oct. 1819, died Feb. 12, 1892) married Wm. Lyles on Feb. 23, 1843. Elmira Morris married Wm. Rice Estes; 2nd married Dec. 1860 to James "Patrick" Mullens, died May 1, 1882; 3rd marriage to Ed Evers, who died Nov. 17, 1915 Odessa, Mo. Lafayette County. Elmira born Mar. 20, 1822, died Sept. 11, 1900. M. Dudley Morris born 1824, died Apr. 17, 1864, buried Mt. Nebo. Church Cem. He was Morgan County School Commissioner. He served in Civil War, First Lieut. Battalion Co. A. 43 Reg. Sarah "Sallie" Pocahontas Morris, wife of James P. White is buried Freedom Ch. Cem. Sallie, born Apr. 19, 1835, Robinson Co. Tenn., died June 29, 1895, her husband died Jan. 1898. "Polly" Mary Ann Morris, born Jan. 17, 1827 Beford, Tenn., died Oct. 24, 1910, wife of John K. Estes (son of Rev. Andrew Estes). John K. Estes died Feb. 11, 1902. J.J. Morris, born June 25, 1829, died Jan. 5, 1906, married Aug. 29, 1850 to Martha Caroline (Farr) Rutherford; she died July 25, 1898. Buried Mt. Nebo Church Cem. here. John N. Morris born June 6, 1832, died Jan. 8, 1864, he married Sarah F. Berry (born 1841), and owned land 1852, in Sect. 21, T. 43, Range 18. Their grandson is J.U. Morris, Columbia, Mo., retired M.U. Professor.

J.J. Morris, served 43 Reg. Mo. Militia. Enlisted Aug. 2, 1862. He owned the first registered American Saddle Horses in Morgan County, Mo. He enjoyed fox hunting and horse racing. His daughter, Isabell Morris married Charles W. Parks Dec. 12, 1868, their son Willie E. Parks, died 1883 and is buried in Parks Cem. here (Sec. 29, T. 43 N., R. 18 W.) After the death of Charles W. Parks, she married his brother Lum Parks, and lived at Wyandotte, Okla. Her dau. Maggie Parks married Mar. 1, 1895 to A.C. Routon of Barnett, Mo. Sarah Lou Morris (dau. of J.J. Morris) 1st married Jesse Rahl; her

J.J. and Martha Caroline Morris

second husband was John Pemberton Moore, merchant at Bunceton, Mo. Sarah Lou, born Sept. 13, 1852, died Mar. 16, 1889. Her daughter was the late "Callie" Carolyn Rebecca (Moore) Brown, who resided in Los Angeles, Calif.

James Edward Morris, born Nov. 11, 1865, died Oct. 14, 1927, buried Glensted, Mo. Meth. Church Cem. He attended Bethel School, lived at "Fair View Stock Farm" north of Versailles, Mo. His children were: Jake, Jessie, Kirtley and Leo L. Morris, Golden Lyles, Grace Young, and Gorda Sims. *by Ilene Yarnell*

## HENRY MOSER

Henry Moser, son of George and Barbara Bullock Moser, was born November 9, 1855 in Campbell County, Tennessee and came to Missouri when he was 17 years of age with his family, who settled on a farm near High Point, Missouri.

Mrs. Henry Moser and granddaughter, Betty Jane (Moser) LaRue

Henry Moser

In 1886, he purchased an interest in the Empire Steam Flour Mill, located on 3 acres of land west of the original town of Versailles, on the present location of Shorty's Chicken Place and Frigid Food Locker Plant. In 1892, he became sole owner and increased the capacity from 10 barrels to 140 barrels of flour daily.

The Moser Mill supplied Moser's Best, Fancy Patent and Home Product Flour to the stores of Versailles and other towns and to the Osage River trade territory. Many people still remember wearing underwear made from flour sacks from flour purchased from the Mill.

During World War I the Mill operated 24 hours a day, as the Government contracted for all the Moser flour and corn meal beyond local demands.

It was a common sight during the harvest season to see wagons, and later trucks, loaded with wheat from Morgan County farms, lined up from the Mill westward from Vance's Ford and Eastward from Gerbe's Store. The Mill was destroyed by fire in 1931 in one of Versailles' major fires.

Henry Moser established a ten ton artificial Ice Plant in 1909 and Royce Moser, his son operated the plant and bought the plant after Henry Moser's death, August 1, 1931.

In 1919 the population of Versailles voted to grant Henry Moser and Company the permission to erect and maintain an Electric Light Plant for lighting the streets, alleys, and other public places, also private homes for a term of 20 years.

According to the contract, the Henry Moser Company was to furnish an ample and uninterrupted supply of current to properly illuminate both town and private homes.

Later Stover was supplied with electricity by a transmission line from the Moser Plant, which was a modern power and light plant, equipped with Diesel De La Vern engines.

The plant was sold to Guy Weaver and Co., who sold it to Public Service Co. and later became property of Missouri Utilities Co.

Henry Moser was the father of 4 children: Aubrey, wh died in 1932; and Ethel, Mrs. Edgar Johnston, who is also de ceased, children of his first wife, Fannie Jones, who died whe. Ethel was born.

In 1889 Henry Moser married Jennie Thompson Rutherford, and they had two children: Royce, who married Russie Stringer; and Neva Annie, who married L.L. Barber.

Jennie Thompson Rutherford Moser, born March 23, 1862, was the daughter of James Rutherford and Nancy Caperton Sims, oldest child of William and Elizabeth Caperton Estes Sims. Mrs. Moser was named for her great grandmother, Jennie Thompson Sims, wife of Edgar Sims. After her father's death, her mother moved back to the William Sims home and Mrs. Moser spent most of her girlhood in the Sims home.

In addition to her two children, she had 5 grandchildren, Betty Jane Moser, wife of Maurice La Rue, Jr., and Dr. Royce Moser, Jr., Warren Hayward Barber, Virginia Anne Barber, wife of William L. Pence and Edwin Lee Barber, who died at age of 4 years. Mrs. Moser died February 13, 1935. *by Royce Moser*

## ROYCE MOSER

Royce Moser, son of Henry and Jennie Thompson Rutherford Moser was born in Versailles, Missouri, March 23, 1892.

He has been a member of First Baptist Church of Versailles since 1912, a deacon since 1915 and was chairman of the building committee '54 when the present church was built.

He is a member of the Sons of American Revolution, was a director of Bank of Versailles 25 years and a past member of the Masonic Lodge.

Russie Moser was born in Versailles January 19, 1896, the daughter of Grant and Sarah Ellen Phillips Stringer and has been a member of First Baptist Church since 1910.

She is a graduate of Nevada Missouri High School and attended State Normal School at Warrensburg and was a teacher in Versailles school before her marriage.

Mrs. Moser compiled the Centennial History of First Baptist Church in 1968, a task which took two years of research, and compiled some historical data for the 125th History Book of Versailles in 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Moser Sr. 50th. Wedding Anniversary

She is a member of Garden Club, Progressive Club, Hawthorne Literary Society, Morgan County and State Historical Societies, Women's Civic Club, Bible Study Group and Home Maker's Class of First Baptist Church, V.F.W. Auxiliary and Ethel McMilian Senior Citizens.

Col. Royce Moser, Jr. M.D.

The Mosers have lived in their home since 1929 and will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 22, 1979.

The Mosers are parents of two children: Betty Jane, wife of Maurice La Rue, Jr., a graduate of Stephens College and was Secretary of Moser Hatchery, Ice and Coal Co. for 25 years. The La Rues have two children, Roberta, wife of Gary Kelly and Michael La Rue. Also, a grand daughter, Kristen Lee Kelly.

Dr. Royce Moser, Jr., is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard School of Medicine and received a Master's Degree from Harvard's School of Public Health.

He is a colonel in the Air Force and is commander at the USAF Hospital at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He is board certified by American Board of Preventive Medicine in Aero Space Medicine and by the American Board of Family Practice in family practice. He served as Commander of 35th USAF Dispensary, Phan Rang A.B. Vietnam in 1970-1971. He is President of the Society of USAF Flight Surgeons.

He married Lois Hunter, daughter of Donald and Elizabeth Margerison Hunter of Cranston, Rhode Island, and they have two children; Beth Anne and Donald Royce.

A niece, Billie Suddarth, wife of Ray Hood of Lee's Summit, was raised in the Moser home.

In 1920 the Mosers established their Baby Chick Hatchery, which grew to 250,000 egg capacity. During the depression years, poultry raising was a chief source of income of many farmers and their wives, and they sold eggs to the Moser Hatchery from U.S. Approved flocks. Baby Chicks were sold locally and shipped to every state, and when the demand for 2, 4, and 6 weeks old started chicks became so great, they built the large building east of the Hatchery as a brooder room. Later this building was sold to Jack Wood and Frigid Food is located there.

After Henry Moser's death, the Mosers bought the Moser Ice Plant and enlarged it from 10 ton to 25 ton capacity. Royce Moser was 17 years of age when the Ice Plant was erected, and he ran the plant from that first day of operation in 1909 until the last day in 1967.

The Mosers also owned Plants at Noel, Missouri and Eldon and operated a coal business for over 25 years and supplied this fuel to many homes and business places in Versailles and vicinity.

## JOHN HENDRON MOSS

During the 1700's three brothers came to the American Colonies and settled in Virginia. They were named Moss and became the direct ancestors of John Hendron Moss and his children.

Dr. Dwane Moss Family

John H. Moss and Martha Virginia Messersmith came to Morgan County as newlyweds to begin their life together on a farm near Akinsville in 1901. The first two of their 9 children,

Mollie Winona and Ella May, were born in Morgan and Benton County.

John Hendron Moss Family

In the spring of 1905 they went to western Kansas in covered wagons. Accompanying them were John's grandparents, William E. Moss and Menerva Smith Moss; John's parents, Dewane and Mary Davis Moss; and two of John's brothers, Alfred and Willoughby. They stayed for two harvest seasons before returning to Morgan County. The grandparents died during this time and are buried in the Cimmaron, Kans. cemetery.

A second trip to western Kansas was made in the spring of 1917. By this time five more children were born: Hazel Glenn, James Hendron, Mary Edith, Tom Everman and Martha Geneva. The trip out to Kansas was made by train. They returned to Missouri in 1917 in two wagons pulled by mule teams. This was quite an adventure for the children and they still talk of it today. All the children were born in Mo.

Mr. Moss then purchased the Francis Goetz farm on what is now known as the Moss Bluff. Their last two children, Eva Irene and John William were born there.

In 1931 as the Lake of the Ozarks filled, they moved back to Akinsville two miles from their original homestead. There they lived until John died in 1951. Martha spent most of her remaining years with her daughter, Martha Geneva Drake.

In the same year her youngest sister was born, Mollie married Avery Taylor and they had three children: Ora Taylor with one son, Bob; Alta Taylor Bazmore, children, Carol and Charles; and Randall Taylor who has three sons.

Ella May married Edward R. White. Their son, Bill White has two sons, Bill and Mike.

Hazel married Henry Brown. Their children are Virginia Brown Wallace and John H. Brown. Virginia has two children, Carol and Chris. John has two daughters, Kim and Connie.

Mary Edith married Oliver Terhune. Their children are; Maryann Terhune Hopp, children, Lisa, Mark, Eric and Heather; and David who has two children, Perry and Laura.

Tom lives in the state of California with his wife and son.

Martha Geneva married Harold Drake. Their daughter, Janet Drake Merriott Bennett, has two children, Vicki and Craig.

Eva Irene married Harold F. Albin. They have four sons: Harold F., Jr., children, Elizabeth, Michael and Jay; James who has two daughters, Natalie and Andrea; and Charles and Kenneth.

John William married Martha Miller. Their children are Lynne Moss York who has two sons, Darin, and Scott; Gary and Tami.

James Hendron never married and lives in the state of California.

As John H. Moss married Martha Messersmith, Martha's brother, James H. Messersmith married John's sister, Ella. They had two children, Arthur and Virginia. Thus these two children were double cousins to the nine John and Martha Moss children.

Arthur married Brooksie Glutz. Their children are Jeanne and Don Reed. Don has two children, Barbara Leonard and Don Reed, Jr.

Virginia married Leo Hundley and they had one son, Jim. Jim has a son, Michael. *by Mrs. O.E. Terhune*

## JULIET BARNETT (HOCKER) MOSS

Juliet B. Moss was well known in Versailles in the early 1900's. She was born Juliet Barnett Hocker on April 16, 1838 in Howard County, Missouri, the daughter of William and Margaret Jane (Turner) Hocker. (See Wm. Hocker Biography). Her ancestors: Hockers, Allnutts, Turners and Hyatts, came to Mo. from Va., Md. and N.C. via Kentucky, in the early 1800's. In the Civil War her father, William Hocker, was taken prisoner and sent to be shot by the Union forces. He escaped and under fire eluded the entire posse.

Juliet Barnett (Hocker) Moss

Of Juliet's 11 brothers and sisters, six died before the age of ten. Being the eldest daughter, she helped rear the others. On March 15, 1860, she married William Henry Moss of Howard Co. Mo., whose ancestry stemmed from the Maxwells from Virginia, via Kentucky. Moss served as Captain in tbe Missouri Volunteers, C.S.A. and was wounded at Vicksburg.

The family moved from Howard to Camden County, (Porter Mill Springs), where William Moss died in 1886, leaving Juliet with six children to rear. Of their seven children, two daughters, Lucinda and Mettie died in their 20's. The other five were:

1. Hattie Kate Moss who married P.H. McDonald
2. John M. Moss married Emma Von Holten
3. Grace Elma Moss married Priestly H. Grimes
4. Samuel R. Moss married Loula E. Rieden
5. Elfin Stella Moss married Virginius J. Hughes.

Mrs. Moss moved to Versailles in 1901, and on June 5th of that year, the two last-mentioned children had a double-wedding ceremony at the Versailles Christian Church, recorded in the Versailles Leader of Friday, June 7, 1901.

Upon the death of Stella (1902) and Virginius (Gene) (1903) their twin-children Martha Leland and Juliet Moss Hughes were taken, separately, at two years of age to live with rela-

tives. Mrs. Moss brought Juliet to Versailles and Martha was brought up near Fayette by Mrs. Martha Leland and her sister, Miss Ann Snell. When Martha's great aunts were killed at a train crossing in 1913, Martha was taken by Mrs. Moss and they lived together three years until Mrs. Moss died Oct. 3, 1916 at the age of 78.

After Mrs. Moss' death, Hattie McDonald and her husband Harry then took the girls to live with tbeir own five children. Some pleasant highlights in childhood were: attending the Christian Church, walking to school with friends, wonderful teachers, attending ice cream socials, roller-skating down Buttermilk Hill, camping at Porter Mill with the McDonalds, visiting Ha Ha Tonka, train trips to Fayette, and to Mora, Missouri, the County Spelling-Bee in the Courthouse, picnics at Fern Bluff, being surrounded by books, fine friends and neighbors on McNair Street in Versailles.

Juliet Moss had 23 grandchildren; In May, 1979, 14 are now living in seven states.

3. Moss, Helen and Johanna McDonald in Versailles, Mo.
4. Francis Melvin McDonald in Kansas City, Mo.
5. Vernon E. Moss, Kansas City, Mo.
6. Mrs. Inez (Moss) Samford (Clarence), Champaign, Ill.
7. William Henry Moss, Johannesburg, Calif.
8. Mrs. Hattie Lou Moss Lloyd (Ralph), Studio City, Calif.
9. Mrs. Margaret Grimes Morse, San Diego, Calif.
10. Mrs. Grace Grimes Morgan, Miami, Florida
11. Priestly Harvey Grimes, Arvada, Colorado
12. William Moss Grimes, Denver, Colo.
13. Martha Leland Hughes Walker (Mrs. Roland J.) Phoenix, Arizona
14. Juliet Moss Hughes Collier (Mrs. Paul), Simsbury, Connecticut

At the present time — May, 1979 Juliet B. Moss has many descendants:

14 great-grandchildren in 10 states
18 great-great grandchildren in 11 states and France
20 great-great-great grandchildren in at least seven states.

## DOCK McCLELLAN MURRAY

In the summer of 1839 James Dugan Murray brought his family from South Carolina to Morgan County, a three month journey by wagon. Mr. Murray was a farmer and settled in the area west and north of Versailles. At his death in 1872 his acreage was divided among his children.

Dock McClellan Murray, born September 28, 1850, was the youngest of 9 children born to James Dugan and Mary Murray.

On March 10, 1870, Dock married Mary Jane Lutman. She was the daughter of Daniel and Agnes Lutman who came to Morgan County from Pennsylvania in 1867.

In 1872 Dock and Mary Jane hauled lumber from Moniteau County by ox team to build the home west of Versailles on Highway 52 where they spent the remainder of their lives. The 11 children born to this union were Hiram, Wolford, Daniel, James, Claudia, George, Aubrey, Cecil, Lemuel, Sadie and Eliza. "Uncle" Dock and "Aunt" Jane farmed their portion of the Murray property throughout their years and lived to celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary. She died in 1936 and he in 1938.

Two of their children, Cecil and Eliza, continued to live on the farm until their deaths. Eliza Murray died in 1959 and Cecil Murray died in 1975.

Mrs. Sadie Beach is the only child of Dock and Mary Jane Murray yet living. She is a spry 90 and resides in Wheatland, Missouri. *by Glendora Wood*

## SAMUEL MURRAY

The Murray family of Morgan Coutny is indebted to the late James E. Murray for spending more than 25 years gathering and compiling Murray genealogy and issuing a book in 1959. The name "Murray" was first Moravaia changed to Moray then altered to Murray which was originally Norman. The Murray family was prominent in the British Isles and U.S. but left their homes in County of Perty and other members of the clan of the Murrays of Athol went to Ulster in North Ireland. This move occurred sometime after the Seven III Years (1696-1703) when a famine scoured the land and before 1730. Their new home in province of Ulster was known as Armagah. This land was forfeited to the Crown in 1610 by the Irish during a dispute between the Irish and English. A mass migration divided the people and the Murrays decided to emigrate to America. They settled in Harrisburg, PA around 1730.

Samuel Murray Sr. is the beginning of the Murrays in America. He was born in 1739 in Scotland and he and his wife who died in 1817 (Elizabeth Reese) are buried at Murraysville in Buncombe County, N.C. Buncombe is now Henderson County. They had 9 children and they lived in Virginia and later migrated to S.C. In 1776 he purchased a plantation on Indian Creek near Newberry county SC. During the Revolutionary War he and a son James participated by hauling supplies attested by records on Stub Entries for Revolutionary War Claims and received bounty for service. At 58 years of age he purchased 319 acres in Buncombe County, NC on the Big Mud Creek. This land is now in Sumpter Natl. Forest and owned by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service. In the case of the descendants for Samuel Murray Sr. at least 6 male descendents bear the family name: "Pinckney." Charles Cotesworth Pinckney and a brother Thomas Pinckney are his descendents. Tom became minister to England and Spain during Washington's administration. Charles was minister to France and was twice nominated for president by Federalist party. Charles was credited with writing 32 or more of the 84 provisions in the Constitution.

Samuel Murray's second son, James Murray, married Margaret Duncan and they and 11 children lived in Henderson County, NC. Their 8th son, James Dugan Murray married Mary Ann Reese and lived near the present Ashville-Andersonville Airport in NC. During depression of 1837 the Murrays decided to seek new opportunities and in summer of 1839 the Murrays packed their possessions, livestock following behind, and their families, walking/riding in the wagons and set out for Morgan County, Mo. which took 3 months. It is possible the Murray family chose Mo. to come to as they were still slave owners and the family records show only that "Ben" age 10 did accompany them to Mo. They rented a vacant farm west of Versailles on Haw Creek to wait out the winter. In the spring of 1840 the Murrays moved onto 40 acres 5 miles NW of Versailles. He did not legally file claim on this property until 1855. Settlers often occupied land and did not file claim until forced by another settler. The Murray family prospered by farming and clearing the timber by selling ties to Mo. Pac RR. Freedom Baptist Church (founded in 1844) was their family church. After the Civil War, James Dugan Murray and family moved 3½ miles West and ¼ mile north of Versailles to 400 acres recently purchased. Their 7th son, Thomas Benton Murray and his bride Sarah Caroline Marple moved on the old home place into a new home built about 300 feet from the original 2-room log cabin. Incidentally this house was expanded into 4 rooms with an added summer kitchen and is still standing in 1978. Thomas Benton Murray's 2 well known brothers were Dr. Leander Francis Murray and Dock McClellan Murray. Their parents are buried in Freedom Cemetery. Leander (Lee) read medicine with Dr. J.B. Thurston in Versailles for several years and graduated from Louisville Medical College in 1876. He again became associated with Dr. Thurston for several years, but later practiced in Holden, Mo. He married Elizabeth Adeline Ball and they had 5 children including James Ellis Murray our family genealogist. Dr. Murray continued to practice medicine until his death in 1914. He is buried at Freedom cemetery. Dock McClellan Murray married Mary "Jane" Lutman and they had 11 children including Wolford, Cecil, Sadie and Eliza. Wolford married Georgia Berkstresser and they had 5 children including Olive Agnes who is married to Walter Piercy and they reside in the Versailles area.

Thomas Benton and Sarah Caroline Marple Murray were parents of 11 children including twins. When the Civil War was declared Thomas Benton and his brothers served in Missouri Militia and also continued to farm on home place. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary January 1, 1928. He died in 1929; she in 1933 and both are buried in Glensted cemetery. Their 4th child was Virginia "Jennie" and she married Emmett Russell Ball in 1895. Mr. Ball was one of Morgan County's well known farmers and stockmen and they lived on the original Ball homestead 4½ miles NW of Versailles. They had 5 children: Addison, Benton, Shelton, Elsie and Russell. They all have lived in the Versailles area a lifetime. Addison married Hazel Walkup and they had 4 children: Geraldine, Shirley, Charles and Marvin. Charles is married to Dorothy Nolting and they have two girls: Teresa and Pamela; Marvin is married to Sue Davenport and they have 2 children: Kevin and Kristin. Benton Ball married Vera Ferguson and after her death married Lucy Williams; Shelton married Christine Mothersbaugh. Elsie married Lowell Mothersbaugh and they had twins: Virginia and Emmett; Russell married Margaret Gerhart and they had 2 sons: Frank and Ralph.

The Morgan County Murray family meets annually the first Sunday in June at the Glensted Methodist Church so they can keep in touch with families. The 4th Sunday in July the Colorado Murray Cousins meet at Brighton where descendants of the family meet and have since the 1920's when some of the Murrays got the urge to "go West." *Submitted by Geraldine and Shirley Ball*

## WINIFRED McBROOM

Winifred Simpson McBroom was born 30 Sept. 1918 in Eldon, Mo. to George L. and Celeste Slane Simpson. She has one brother, George E. Simpson of Eldon and one sister, Hortense Hillebrandt, now deceased. She attended school in Eldon and Business College in Chillicothe, Mo. On 4 Aug. 1939 she married Byron Kenneth McBroom, son of Byron and Minnie Frazman McBroom of Watseka, Illinois. They had three children: George Phillip McBroom, Orlando, Fla., Margaret A. Tellman, Laurie, Mo., and Mary Jane Becchelli of Kansas City.

The family resided in Colorado and Illinois until Mr. McBroom's death December, 1959. Wini and her children moved back to Eldon in January 1960 and in January 1968 she purchased a dress shop from Janet Fleishman and moved to Versailles. The shop was known as "Town and Country" and had been originally owned by Edna Ball and Janet Fleishman, who had operated the business for nineteen years. The shop name was changed to "Wini's Fashions".

In September, 1973 a second shop was opened in Laurie, Mo., also known as "Wini's Fashions", and is managed by her daughter, Margaret Tellman.

## JOSEPH WILLIAM McCANN

Joseph William McCann was born June 3, 1847 in Ghant, Ky. son of James and Mary Ann Duvall McCann.

The family first came to Missouri in 1855 and settled in Platte County. They were slave holders. James joined the Confederate army in 1860. The McCann family was burned out by the Kansas Jayhawkers. Mrs. McCann obtained a spring wagon and team and returned to Kentucky with Joseph and his sister, Elizabeth. The father returned from the army and found nothing left of the farm, and he, too, returned to Kentucky, where he joined his family. He enlisted in the Confederate army again and served until the end of the war. At the end of the war he returned to Missouri and bought a farm at Russellville. Joseph first married Nannie Wray and two daughters survived, Sallie Wieneke and Malinda (Minnie) Strutz. One son died in infancy. Joseph (J.W.'s) wife died and was buried on the Wray lot in the Versailles Cemetery. She was a sister of John Bolton's mother, Wray and John G. Witten's mother, Mrs. Sallie Witten.

J.W. McCann's mother was gored by a pet Jersey steer on June 22, 1878. James remarried and had two children by Maria Fowler McCann. Dr. James and Laura.

J.W. McCann's second wife was Mary (Mollie) Burns, daughter of Peter Ross Burns of Versailles, Mo. To this union were born six children, three of whom survived. Lillie married Clarence Lumpee, Nettie married William O. Krog and Berniece married G.W. Sombart. Berniece is still living.

J.W. farmed with his father at Russellville and owned a store and sawmill at Olean. James McCann was killed in a team runaway June 5, 1888. J.W. came to Morgan County in 1895 and built a house on his wife's property one mile north of Versailles, the present site of Dr. Robert Hall's home. He was in partnership with A.E. Clodfelter, father of George and Paul Clodfelter, in a sawmill, later threshed and sawed wood with steam engine until a few years before his death in 1930.

J.W. loved to fish and hunt, always keeping a good bird dog and deer hounds until the deer were killed off. He drove his model T Ford like he drove his team — fast. He won the state trapshooting contest one year. His grandson remembers a few wrecks he had in his car, once when J.W. drove his model T into a plate glass window of a store on Saturday night. He missed reverse and got into low gear.

Two and maybe three of his ancestors were in the Revolutionary War. Cornelius Duvall in Maryland and Toliver Craig and family were defenders of Bryant Station in Kentucky during the Revolutionary War. J.W.'s maternal great-grandmother was a sister of Flanders Calloway, who married Jemima Boone.

J.W. died in 1930 at the home of his oldest daughter at Union, Mo. and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. One son is buried in the family cemetery at Russellville, two girls in Olean cemetery and others in Versailles Cemetery. *Information furnished by Nettie Krog, Kathryn Sombart, Lillie Lumpee, Mary Ann Osborn and W.O. Krog, Jr.*

## JOHN MARSHALL MC CLANAHAN III

John M. McClanahan was born November 14, 1846 West of Versailles. The Location recorded to John M. II East half, Section 5, Township 42 Range 18. John M. McClanahan II and wife Priscilla Chisholm came to Morgan Co. by way of Kentucky from West Moreland County, Virginia. John III and his two sisters Susan and Priscilla were orphaned at an early age and were reared by grandmother Mary, whose husband Capt. John M. McClanahan came to Morgan Co. in 1820. They owned and operated a Stage Coach Inn where Scrivner Funeral Home now stands.

John McClanahan III and wife, Nancy

During the Civil War, John M. III was a member of Price's Army, Confederate service. He was in several Missouri battles and received a gunshot wound in the neck. Mr. McClanahan was appointed County Clerk by Governor Folk, to fill the va-

cancy caused by the death of E.K. Buck in 1906. After serving as County Clerk two years, he was elected City Collector and served in that capacity several years.

In 1871 he married Nancy T. Anthony who came to Morgan County from Jackson County where she was born, her father William C. Anthony. Nancy too, was orphaned at an early age and came to Versailles in her late teens to live with an uncle, Anderson W. Anthony and teach school in Morgan Co.

Their children were — Valley B. married to Frank Renneau. Virginia B. married to John Ephland, Anthony Robinson McClanahan never married lived in Kansas City and was an attorney. Samuel Livingston never married was Division Engineer with Rock Island Railroad. Priscilla L. married Peter J. McDonough and a grand-daughter born and reared in their home Mildred Lumley married to Elmer W. Guenther.

Mr. McClanahan died July 21, 1927 and Mrs. McClanahan died December 23, 1937.

## FRANK W. McCOLISTER

Frank McColister was born near White Hall, Ill. in 1872. He came to Morgan County in 1881 with his parents, brothers and sisters. The McCollisters bought the land and built a two story house on the tract now known as the Hobart Hutchison farm. That house was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Mr. F.W. McCollester and daughters
Edith (Barbour) and Elsie (Carpenter)

Frank married Molly Crutchfield in 1902. His first business adventure was a general store at Enid, about five miles east of Versailles. The Post Office was located at the store which served sixty-five families in that area.

The family lived in a small house about three hundred yards from the store. At one time robbers were breaking in and stealing merchandise. Frank invented a trap for them, by attaching a wire to the store door and to the house, where a bell would ring if the store door were opened. One night the alarm rang. He called his brother, Ira, who lived across the field, on the home place. He came with his gun, and the two apprehended the thieves. One was shot in the leg when he tried to escape. The other one surrendered, and they all waited until the sheriff came from Versailles with a team and wagon and took the men to jail. Their loot was found in the store ready to be carried away.

Leaving Enid, Mr. McCollister and his brother-in-law, John W. Crutchfield went to Cooper County where they bought a general store at Clark's Fork, a cross-roads site near Boonville, During that time Frank renovated an old gas lighting system that had not been in operation for years. It used carbide to gnerate the gas. Soon the store and the living quarters above, were bright at night with burning gas jets.

In 1918 Mr. McCollister moved his family to Versailles. He bought the Duckworth Harness Shop. Here he made, repaired, and sold leather goods, and some hardware. He also did a gun repair business, and even after he retired, continued to repair guns. Letters would be delivered to him addressed to the Gunsmith, at Versailles.

He was adept at fixing most any thing, especially the children's toys. Once his little granddaughter Nona Carpenter dropped an egg, and it broke. Quickly, she said, "Papa fix it".

He died in 1966; leaving two daugthers: Mrs. Elwood Barbour, (Edith) at Windsor, Mo. and Mrs. Edgar Carpenter, (Elsie) Versailles. Also three granddaughters; Nona Carpenter Caine, Versailles, Audrey Carpenter Fields, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. and Doris Carpenter Jessee, Phoenix, Ariz. *by Elsie Carpenter*

## MYRON THOMAS MCCOLLISTER

Myron T. McCollister, one of the oldest residents of Morgan County celebrated his 104th birthday in September. He was born 24 Sept. 1874 in Whitehall, Illinois, son of William Henry McCollister and Mary Elizabeth Hart. His parents came to Missouri by covered wagon in 1881 accompanied by the following children: Lucy A. Ross (1870-1959), Frank W. (1872-1966), Myron T. (1874), Cora Parkes (1877-1967) and Walter J. (1879-1972). They settled on the farm now owned by Hobert Hutchison. The old family home burned a few years ago. Two children were born after they arrived in Morgan County: Nellie (1881-1918) and Ira A. (1884-1974). The McCollister children attended Sunnyside school and Mr. "Mac" enjoyed attending functions there for many years. He was one of the champions in the spelling bees.

Myron Thomas McCollister, 104 yrs. old Nov. 1979

The McCollister (Mac Alasdair) family originated in Ireland and Scotland and the first record of them in the United States is a birth record recorded in New Jersey in 1742. There is also a family diary of the boat trip leaving from New York in 1817 and reaching St. Louis in 1819. They came by way of

the Ohio River and then up the Mississippi. The family is said to have commented that St. Louis would be a good location for a city, but continued on up the Mississippi to settle in Illinois.

Myron married Laura Etter in 1906. They had two daughters, Mabel (Mrs. Charles Carpenter) who died in 1951 and Laura Ruth (Mrs. Frank Smith) of Fresno, California. Mrs. McCollister died in 1924.

In 1929 he married Mary Campbell and they lived on the farm until 1944 when they moved to a small house on McNair Street. Mrs. McCollister was in failing health for several years and died in 1952. Mr. Mac lived there alone, taking care of his home, garden, and yard until shortly before his 100th birthday when he made the decision to give up housekeeping and enter the Good Shepherd Nursing Home. His sight and hearing have failed but his memory is amazing. He is still interested in local and world news and keeps up with the World Series. Before New Year's he lamented that he would not be able to see TV well enough to watch the Rose Bowl parade. When asked if he'd ever seen the parade he quickly replied, "Yes, we were out there in 1936. It was a beautiful day." That's Mr. Mac! No wonder that on the anniversary of his birthday nephews and nieces come from far and wide to help him celebrate the occasion.

His daughter, Laura Ruth, comes twice yearly to spend time with him and he is always anxious for her visit. A granddaughter, Lynette, also lives in Fresno. *by Nona Caine*

## MARIE ANN (SIMS) McCOLLOM

The female ancestors of Marie Ann (Sims) McCollom are: Mary Young (ca1772-1853), "Peggy" Larkin (1796-1870), Permelia Collins (1811-1869), Elizabeth Hawks (1850-1925), Sarah Jane Estes (1825-1847), Susan Kelly, Rachel McGarity, Louisa A. Chaney (1837-1912), Rebecca Moore (1828-1899), Mary Ellen Daniels, (1866-1939), Mary Ann Reese (1806-1876), Margaret Ann Murray (1834-1911), Mary Caroline Kindrick (1831-1864), Mary Elizabeth Hughes (1851-1921), "Vergie" Cooper (1878-1968) and Doris Todd. Two of the great grandmothers enjoyed relaxing with a few puffs on a clay pipe. This was something that was only done by a lady in the privacy of her own home.

Doris (Todd) Sims is a graduate of Ball school, Versailles High School and attended CMSU at Warrensburg. She taught at Ball and Bethel grade schools before her marriage to Joe L. Sims. Joe was a veteran of WWI, a stockman, mule trader, a mule trainer and he used mules exclusively to farm. He served on the school board at Ball School and was a member of the American Legion. His parents were Harve E. Sims and Mary Ellen Daniels. Doris and a group of friends and neighbors joined together to organize one of the first Agricultural Extension Clubs in the county, the Willing Workers. She has spent countless hours helping friends and neighbors in illness and times of sorrow. During WWII she was employed by the Tweedie Company which produced items for the military troops. She is a member of the Glensted Methodist Church. Her parents were Robert L. and "Vergie" (Cooper) Todd. He was a farmer and she, a homemaker.

Marie Ann (Sims) McCollom attended the one room grade school, Ball, which her mother, Doris Todd and her father, Joe L. Sims had also attended. Ball school house was moved to Versailles, near the present high school. It is presently on display, a reminder of "the good old days."

Marie was an outstanding 7 year 4-H club member. She was valedictorian of her class at Versailles High School, attended and graduated from the U. of Mo. — Columbia with a B.S. degree. Marie worked in several Missouri counties with 4-H and Home Economic programs for the Agricultural Extension Service. She married Wayne E. McCollom, now a retired USAF officer, who holds an A.A. degree from Southwest Baptist College, a B.S. and M.S. from the U. of Mo. — Columbia. He served a tour in Korea and a tour in England where his family accompanied him. He has been a professional meteorologist for more than 20 years.

Marie has served many thousands of hours doing volunteer work with Family Services in the Air Force, Officers Wives Club, Red Cross, various school and scout positions and with the Columbia Health Department.

Kevin and Kyle, sons of Marie and Wayne, hold Eagle and Life scout ranks respectively. Each of them has been awarded military scholarships, Kevin, an Air Force ROTC, and Kyle, a Navy ROTC. They both are students in the College of Engineering at the U. of Mo. Columbia. They both have been active with the various youth groups in the Baptist Chuch. Kevin was on the U. of Mo. Columbia track team his freshman year. Both Kyle and Kevin were cross country and track athletes at Hickman High School. *Kyle Lloyd McCollom*

## CHARLES McCRAY

About 1835 the McCray family, migrating westerly, were forced by traveling conditions to camp for an extended time near Boonville, Missouri, by a spring near the home of Lewis and Margaret Jones. Their son Charles fell in love with the Jones' daughter Catharine. Because of his love for her, he did not accompany his family when they resumed their journey, but stayed and secured work in the area.

Hubbard and Margaret (McCray) Hammock and Children

Charles McCray, born in Tennessee, February 19, 1816, and Catharine Jones, born in Missouri, December 3, 1820, were married in Cooper County March 17, 1836. Before 1840 they came to Morgan County, acquiring a farm on Richland Creek, eleven miles northwest of Versailles, which remained in the McCray family for 125 years. Catharine's parental family also moved and settled near them.

Meat for the family was no problem. When the supply dwindled, Charles hunted the plentiful wild game.

Charles and Catharine McCray had 12 children:

Sarah Ann (Vaught; Bernaugh) (1837-) Children — Jennie, Ruth, and Ida Vaught; Emma, Laura, Martha, and Rosa Bernaugh.

Lewis Jones (Dec. 17, 1838 — Sept. 3, 1861)

Nancy Jane (Vaught; Parker, Miller) (1841-)

James Monroe (Oct. 21, 1842 — April 16, 1865)

Catharine McCray

Lydia Margaret (Hammock) (1844-1896) — three sons, Charles, John, and Pete.

Mary Elizabeth (Burkholder) (1846-)

John V. (1849-)

Rebecca Ann (May; Amick) (1851-) — one daughter Martha May.

Matilda Jane (Gardner; Page) (1854-) — three children, Jennie and Joann Gardner; Edger Page.

William Thomas (1857-1937) married Lillian Carr — thirteen children.

Martha Louisa (Ross) (1858-1896) — one daughter, Elsie Faye.

Jesse Valentine (1861-1898) married Birdie Carr — two daughters, Eula and Lillian (died in infancy.)

Many families of their community were of English or Scotch-Irish descent, and they, or their parents, had migrated from Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. When the Civil War broke out, they wanted no part in it, but zealous Unionists, assuming they were proslavery, perpetrated such atrocities upon them that men and older boys, not safe at home, had to take a side in the war, as did Charles McCray and his sons, Lewis and James, all of whom died for the Confederacy.

Those were sad, hard years for Catharine. She lost her parents, Lewis Jones (Apr. 19, 1795 — May 1, 1864) and Margaret Jones (June 14, 1794 — Sept. 21, 1864). Loved ones and friends went to war never to return. There was plundering, harassment, and heinous crimes.

During the war, the McCrays found a black man from another neighborhood hanged in a tree on their farm. The dastardly deed was the Home Guards revenge for his passing on to his Confederate master information vital to him. Also it was their means of intimidating other black people.

With her family's help, Catharine operated the family farm until her death. She was enterprising and progressive. She bought the first binder in the area. People came from miles around to see her young sons, Tom and Jesse, operate it on the home farm and on neighboring farms.

The entire process of providing garments for the family was accomplished by hand in the home. Wool from the farm's sheep was carded, spun into yarn, woven into cloth, dyed, and became hand stitched articles of clothing. After the Humes Carding Mill began operation near Gravois Mills, Catharine eliminated hand carding by taking her wool there to be carded — a day's journey one way by wagon. Tom accompanied her and drove. She knit gloves and stockings as she traveled.

Catharine McCray united with Freedom Baptist Church in 1858. She died January 1884 and was buried in the Johnson Cemetery where her parents were also buried. Charles McCray died in the Civil War January 11, 1865 — burial place unknown. *By Nellie Mae (McCray) Rastorfer*

## WILLIAM THOMAS McCRAY

William Thomas (Tom) McCray, son of Charles and Catharine Jones McCray, was born in Morgan County Apr. 25, 1857.

William Thomas and Lillian Belle McCray - Wedding Picture 1889

Almost four years old when the Civil War erupted, he remembered vividly the horrors of that time, atrocities that forced men to align in the conflict, his father and two brothers choosing the Confederacy for which they died. His mother, with her children's help, then operated the farm.

Jessie and Berdie (Carr) McCray

In youth, Tom worked a while in Texas. During Leadville, Colorado's boom days he worked there transporting supplies.

After his mother's death (1884), Tom and his brother Jesse purchased the farm. In 1889 they married sisters, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Elisha Meekins Carr of Florence. Tom married Lillian Belle Carr Feb. 28, 1889. Jesse married Birdie Carr Dec. 29, 1889. They shared the large farm home until Jesse sold out to Tom and went to Oklahoma where he died (1898).

Tom operated the farm the rest of his life. A skilled blacksmith with a farm shop, he did his own blacksmithing and ac-

commodated many neighbors. As a sideline, he manufactured brooms on a machine which he created.

Tom and Lillian had 13 children. Four now living are: John Chester — World War II veteran; U.S. Army enlistment (1920s); went to Harrison, Montana; retired there from various occupations, including the building trades.

Nellie Mae — retired teacher; married James Rastorfer; one daughter, Ann Elaine.

Arthur Ivan — farmed; worked in Kansas City; for years worked at Kiowa, Kansas for farmers, the highway department, and a farm equipment company; retired there.

Nora Edith — widow of Cyril Wilkes; attended Versailles and Stover High Schools; resides in Omaha, Nebraska where she was a cashier for many years.

McCray children now deceased:

Golda Mabel (1891-1961) married Rowen Woolery; eight children, Earl, Omer, Alma, Orval, Wilma (deceased), Ralph, Margaret, Glenda; operated restaurants; worked as telephone operator.

Mamie Viola (1892-1972) attended Warrensburg College; taught four years; married Herman Siegel; a son, Ralph, died in infancy; cosmetologist operating Capitol Beauty Shoppe in Jefferson City.

Effie Cynthia (1895-1955) worked for Lamy's in Sedalia; married Harry Richardson; one daughter, Beatrice.

Elsie Grace (1897-1968) attended high school, Sedalia; taught four years; married George Young; one daughter, Mildred, died in infancy.

William Thomas (1901-1946) married Breeta Johnson; children, Thomas, Warren, Melva, Norma; farmed in Kansas before employment with Kansas City Water Department.

Lillian Belle (1902-1967) — Manual High School (K.C.) graduate; taught school; attended business college; did secretarial work; married Frank Lilly; one son, Frank; married Kenneth Porter (1954).

Bonnie Estella (1907-1962) married Oscar Critchfield; one daughter, Dorothy; Later married Gene Winters; worked in factories and Lake City Ordnance Plant.

Ora Earl (1911-1940) — Stover High School graduate; cosmetology graduate; following that profession in Jefferson City; liked farming and spent weeks each summer following wheat harvest.

Alice Ethel (1913-1976) — Versailles High School graduate; worked for Nelly Don Dress Co. and Fred Harvey Co.; married Arnold Schaffner, Phoenix, Arizona; worked there in hospitals and as a caterer.

William Thomas died March 29, 1937. Lillian Belle, born Dec. 3, 1870, died June 20, 1962. They are buried in Freedom Cemetery near Versailles. *By Nellie Mae McCray Rastorfer*

## CHARLEY McDONALD

Charley McDonald came to Missouri from Battle Creek, Mich., as a young man and settled on a farm near California, in Moniteau County. Charley was born Oct. 30, 1859, the youngest of 12 children born to Perry McDonald and Lenora Graves McDonald.

In Missouri, McDonald worked as a farmer and well driller during his younger life, and drilled some of the early water wells in Moniteau and Morgan counties. On May 13, 1883, he married Henrietta Virginia (Jennie) Pennington, daughter of Leni and Sarah Pennington of Moniteau County. The young couple rented farm land; Charley continued in the well-drilling business.

On Feb. 27, 1893, Charley McDonald and his wife bought a farm on the Osage River, at the mouth of Lick Branch, in Morgan County. They built their home on this fertile 160-acre farm, which at times was susceptible to flooding. Charley continued drilling wells as a part-time occupation.

The McDonalds decided, after 24 years, to move to higher ground. On Oct. 11, 1917, they bought another farm, about five miles northwest of Barnett and moved there. They lived on the farm until their deaths. Charley McDonald died Nov. 15, 1931; Henrietta Virginia Pennington McDonald died Mar. 1, 1938.

Six children were born to Charles and Jennie McDonald: Stella May and Ella, twins; Lenora; James Henry; John Berry; and Oliver Anthony. Upon the death of Charles McDonald, the home farm was bought by his son, John, and his wife, Clara. John McDonald operated the farm until his death April 10, 1950, at the age of 53. The home farm now is owned and operated by Charley's grandson, Dwight McDonald and his wife, Lois.

Ella McDonald, born Jan. 6, 1884, married Lee Sidebottom on May 22, 1900. *Submitted by Winford Sidebotham*

## JOHN NICHOLAS McDONALD

John Nicholas McDonald (1874-1932) was the second son of Michael and Johanna (Holst) McDonald (see Michael McDonald biog.) He attended Bond school and worked for his father on the family farm.

John and Nora (Dunnaway) McDonald and son Lawrence

He married Nora Elizabeth Dunnaway (1882-1973) in Sedalia, Mo. in 1905, only daughter of William Hasper and Ruth Ellen Causey Dunnaway. They lived in Kansas three months then came back to Missouri, living first on the Lige Dunnaway farm in south Morgan County then on their farm in Wilson Bend on the Osage River in Camden County.

Their children were born on this farm, where they lived until 1930 when the Bagnell Dam was built and the Lake of the Ozarks flooded the farm. They moved to the Welpman ranch and in 1931 bought the Sutton place, where they lived until Mr. McDonald's death. John was a farmer and cattle trader in the Wilson bend area.

Two of their children died at birth. Others were Ralph, 1908-1908, Lawrence, 1910-1965, Russell, 1913-1973, Bonnie, 1915, Jasper Michael (J.M.), 1917-1971, Nora Juanita, 1919, John William (John Bill), 1922-1978, and Johanna Ruth, 1924.

Lawrence attended grade school at Wilson Bend School and Versailles High School. He married Myra Frances Jones (1931) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jones of Morgan County. They lived most of their lives in California. Their children are Nyra Beth, Jeri Pat, Janet Ruth, Larry Wayne and Jackie Lynn (twins), and Danny Joe. Lawrence is buried in San Bernardino, Calif.

Russell McDonald attended Wilson Bend School and went to Kansas City to work in 1934. He married Hazel Cook. They had no children.

Bonnie attended Wilson Bend School, Gravois Mills High School and Versailles High School. She worked at the Tweedie Shoe Factory in Versailles and married Joseph Combs Brewer in 1934. Joe (1909) was born in Salina, Oka. to George and Ila Sherman Brewer. His parents died when he was six years old and he and his brother, George, went to live with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Sherman in Versailles. He graduated from Versailles High School in 1929. He did carpenter work and worked at lumber yards in Kansas City and Sedalia and at Tweedie Shoe Factory in Jefferson City. Bonnie and Joe live in Versailles.

Jasper Michael attended Wilson Bend and Jenkins schools. He married Ruth Clevenger, later married Susan Duncan (1959) and had two children, Danny and Virginia. His third wife was Mabel Welcher. He was a veteran of World War II, was a prisoner of war by the German Battle of the Bulge around St. Bith, Dec. 1944, to April, 1945. He was in service four years.

Nora Juanita married John Donald Lowry (1950). Their children: Joe Dean, Dee Ann and Dawn Nita. They live in North Kansas City.

John William was a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served from Sept. 1942 to Feb., 1946. He married Esther Marie Nolting (1950), daughter of Herman Fredrick and Martha Christina (Wehking) Nolting of Nortonville, Kas. John and Esther have a daughter, Rhonda Kay.

John was branch manager of Sherman-Williams Co. at Liberty, Mo, where he worked 30 years.

Johanna Ruth married Councle Nuramaker and lives in Kansas City, Mo.

John and Nora McDonald are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Morgan County together with five of their children, two infants, Ralph, J.M. and Russell. *Bonnie Brewer*

## MICHAEL McDONALD

Michael McDonald, born Feb. 2, 1838 in County Fermanaugh, Ireland, was the son of Patrick McDonald and Sarah Ann (Swift) McDonald. He was the grandson of Michael McDonald of Ireland. Patrick McDonald died in his home county in Ireland and Sarah Ann was brought to St. Louis, Mo. and lived there with her son, John, until her death. She was buried in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Michael came to the United States in 1857 by way of Liverpool to Montreal and then to a brother in Lowell, Massachusetts and a sister in Boston, Massachusetts. After remaining one year in Massachusetts he came to Illinois. He remained there until the fall and then came to Missouri and settled in Laclede County where he was engaged on a farm, working by the month.

During the Civil War and for two years after he was in the employ of Capt. Owen in the Quartermaster's Dept. of the U.S. Army located at Raleigh, N.C. and afterward at Springfield, Mo. After the war, Capt. Owen was appointed quartermaster of Fort Riley, Kansas and Michael McDonald and other Irish stone masons worked there on government barracks between 1866-68. During this time he sent money to his sister, Mrs. Bridget Johnson, in Morgan Co. who bought a farm for him from Wm. McFarland on the head of Mill Creek.

He came back to Morgan County in 1868 and on Feb. 19, 1868 married Johanna A. Holst in Jefferson City. She was the only daughter of Nicholas Holst and Dorothea (Klahn) Holst who migrated to the U.S. from Bredsedt, Schlewig-Holstine, Germany in 1857 (see Nicholas Holst Biog.). Johanna came with her parents when 12 years old and grew up on upper Soap Creek in Morgan Co. Before her marriage she worked at the Hume Woolen Mills at Gravois Mills on the site of the present Troutdale Fish Hatchery.

Michael and Johanna (Holst) McDonald

The couple lived on Michael's farm for 17 years where most of their children were born. He engaged in farming and stock trading. The family then moved to a 240 acre farm on lower Mill Creek to which he added 135 acres. In Sept. 1891 he bought a farm in eastern part of Morgan Co. He moved to Versailles in N. Monroe St. in 1907 where he lived until his death from pneumonia Feb. 24, 1911 after a three month illness from a stroke. His funeral was held at St. Thomas Catholic Church on N. Monroe St. in Versailles on Sunday, Feb. 26. His wife lived in the Versailles home until her death Feb. 21, 1931. Her funeral was held at St. Patrick's Church. Both are buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery in south Morgan.

The children of Michael and Johanna (Holst) McDonald in order were: Patrick Henry 1871-1961, Mary Alice 1872-1956, John Nicholas 1874-1932, Peter William 1876-1893, Louis Richard 1877-1968, Sarah Anna 1879-1963, Lucy Agnes 1881-1882, Robert Emmet 1883-1932, Lucy Agnes 1885-1887, Rose Ellen 1888-1969.

Mr. McDonald was a Democrat, a Union man and a member of the Catholic Church. He and other Irish Catholics built St. Patrick's Church in south Morgan in 1869-71 from native stone quarried in the vicinty. All his children were born in south Morgan and baptized at St. Patrick's Church. *Johanna McDonald*

## MICHAEL MOSS McDONALD

Michael Moss McDonald, the oldest child of P.H. (Harry) McDonald and Harriett Katherine (Hattie) Moss, was born in 1899 at home on Soap Creek near Gravois Mills, Missouri. He had 4 brothers and two sisters.

Until the age of nine, his mother, a former teacher taught him his elementary lessons. He and his brother then attended the district school, Holst, until 1912.

The family moved to Versailles, where Moss attended the public school and graduated in 1916.

In 1917 the family moved to Warrensburg to further educational opportunities for the children, who had been joined by twin cousins who had lost their homes.

Tony and Ann Shaw, children David and Jackie, Moss and Nadyne McDonald

In the years from 1917 to 1930 Moss was busy with farming, teaching and going to school.

Moss and Nadyne McDonald

In 1927 Moss received his Bachelor of Science in Education at Warrensburg. In 1935 he acquired his Master of Arts in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri.

The teaching career of Moss was comprised of teaching in rural schools of Morgan and Howard counties; two years at Creighton, Mo. as Supt.; one year at Bates Ctiy, Mo. In 1930 he became principal of elementary grades at Versailles, Mo., serving 7 years. The next 9 years he was Superintendent of Versailles schools. He became Morgan County Superintendent of schools in 1946 serving 21 years. He retired in 1967.

In 1939 he married Nadyne Madole a teacher of primary in Versailles schools. She had attended rural schools, High School in Versailles, and received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri. She taught 40 years, 39 of them as a primary teacher in Versailles.

Helen Ann, daughter of Moss and Nadyne was born in 1941. She attended Versailles public schools, Christian College and received her Doctorate in Counseling and Guidance in 1974 from University of Missouri, Kansas City. She married Tony Jahan Shaw and has two children, David Moss (1960), Jacqueline Nadyne (1962) both of whom pursue the family tradition of actively acquiring an adequate education.

Since retiring Mr. McDonald devotes his time to the Morgan County Library, Good Shepherd Nursing Home and his garden. His love of reading and knowledge and his devotion to Morgan County history, schools and people are well known to those who know him.

## P.H. (HARRY) McDONALD

Patrick Henry McDonald, the eldest son of Michael and Johanna A. (Holst) McDonald, was born in South Morgan County, May 30, 1871, on a farm on the head of Mill Creek. He was the oldest of ten children, seven of whom lived to adulthood.

Harry McDonald

In 1885 he moved with his family to a farm on lower Mill Creek. He attended Bond school and Otterville Academy. He helped his father in farming, stockraising, and trading on their home farm on Mill Creek and north of East Prairie School in Morgan County. In 1898 he married Hattie K. Moss (1880-1935) the daughter of the late Wm. Henry Moss (1835-1886) and Juliet Barnett (Hocker) Moss (1838-1916) who lived on a farm at Porter Mills in Camden County. Miss Moss taught school in Camden and Howard Counties for several years prior to her marriage. The McDonalds settled on a farm on Soap Creek given to Mr. McDonald by his father.

On this farm seven children were born, Michael Moss 1899, John Marshall 1900-1949, Helen Roberta 1902, Patrick Henry 1903-1905, Richard Emmett 1905-1911, Johanna Juliet 1907 and Francis Melvin 1909. The two oldest children attended Holst School. While on the farm Mr. McDonald engaged in limited farming but spent most of his time buying, feeding and shipping stock in conjunction with his father and brother John. During the drought in 1902 they drove cattle to Iowa for feed as it was short of supply in Missouri. It was said they walked all the way to Iowa.

In 1912 the family moved to Versailles where he was elected assessor 1912-1916 as a Democrat in a Republican County. For a time he was associated with Ab Kidwell in the Kidwell Funeral and Furniture business.

His family moved to Warrensburg in 1917 and stayed there 3 years to educate their children while he remained in Versailles with his mother who was elderly. In 1919-20 he was doorkeeper in the Mo. State Senate. During the 30's he served as a supervisor in C.C. Camps at Macon and Sugar Lake. He was actively interested in politics all his life.

In 1921 the entire family moved to Howard County to the Wm. Hocker farm east of New Franklin. Wm. Hocker was the grandfather of Mrs. McDonald and this farm was his original homesteaded home. From here the family moved to a farm in the upper river bottom west of Franklin where he and his 3 sons farmed until 1927 when they moved to Kansas City. He was a farm boy and the city did not suit his taste so he came back to Versailles and Morgan County where he lived near

Hattie McDonald

Mr. and Mrs. P.J. McDonough
*Back, l-r:* Kathleen, Robert, Peter J. Jr. and Eileen.

Gravois Mills 1929, west of Versailles in 1933, where Mrs. McDonald died in 1935 and finally to Versailles in 1945 until his death in 1961.

He was a "Morgan Countyite", first and last, a Democrat, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a good husband and father. During his 90 years he was known by and knew most of the people in Morgan Co.

The oldest son, Moss McDonald married Nadyne Madole and has one daughter, Helen Ann (1941). Ann married Tony Jahan Shaw of Teheran, Iran and they have two children: David (1960) and Jacqueline (1962).

John McDonald married Edith (Lass) Hornbuckle and had one son, Harry Donald McDonald (1934). Harry married Doris (Kidd) and has 4 sons; John (1958), Harry (1959), Russell (1961), and Richard (1964). Harry then married Judy (Huffman) Johnson and has one daughter Harriet (1970) and a step daughter Pamela Johnson (1967).

Helen and Johanna McDonald (single) taught school and are retired in Versailles.

Melvin McDonald married Myrtle Schlup and they have one adopted son, James (1946). He married Karen Quinn and they have an adopted daughter Shannon (1976). *Johanna McDonald*

## PETER JEROME McDONOUGH

Peter J. McDonough fourth child of Francis F. McDonough and Hanora Elizabeth Soraghan, born Jan. 4, 1881, in South Morgan County, died Feb. 14, 1968. The McDonough's and Soraghan's came by way of Chicago and St. Louis to this county about 1865 from County Fermanagh, Ireland. June 24, 1912 Pete married Priscilla McClanahan (6/14/88 1/29/79) daughter of John Marshall McClanahan and Nancy T. Anthony. The McClanahan's came to this county from South Carolina bout 1820 to settle a land grant west of Versailles. Priscilla "Miss Prissie" taught 5 years in Versailles schools and 3 years in County schools before her marriage.

Pete was a merchant and post master at Purvis 1912-1923, when they moved to Versailles. He managed the Cash Drug store for Dr. Jack and Dr. Greg Gunn. In May 1926 he became a partner with Don Hunter in the Hunter-McDonough Chevrolet Agency.

The McDonough's had four children. Kathleen, 12/30/16, Eileen, 6/16/19, Peter Joseph, 1/11/22, and Robert Samuel 4/14/23.

Kathleen married James Mitchell (Mitch) Dornan on Nov. 26, 1942, and they had two children. After Mr. McDonough's death, Mitch bought the partnership in the Chevrolet agency and it became Hunter-Dornan.

James Mitchell Dornan II Oct. 17, 1943 married Emma Hibdon Jan. 29, 1969 and they have three sons. James Mitchell III (2/27/70), Robert Anthony (4/2/73) and Daniel Patrick (7/19/77). Jim served as 1st Lt. in the Vietnam war (2/68-2/71). Eleanor Elizabeth (Sparkle) Dornan married Raymond G. Morrison and they have two sons. Brian Richard (6/26/72) and Gregory Ray (2/6/75).

Eileen McDonough married Edward Francis Friedewald of St. Louis and they had three children. Mary Kathleen, Russell Edward and Edward Francis II. They have lived in Poplar Bluff where Ed is an attorney since his separation from the service of WW II in 1944.

Peter Joseph married Loree Collins in Spokane, Wash. (8/14/45) after his separation from the service in WWII where he served in Italy with the 5th Air Force. They are the parents of six children. Shelia, Peter Jerome II, Teresa, Brian, Tamara, and Kim. Their home is Santa Barbara, California where he is a Research Analyist and consultant to the Department of the Navy.

Robert Samuel married Mary Jo Devy (10/31/42). He too served in Italy with the Air Force. They had four children, Robert Michael, Donald Alan, Patricia Carrol and Timothy Kent. Mary Jo died Dec. 31, 1973 and on Jan. 11, 1975 Sam married Sharon Wright. They own Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchison, Kansas.

## J.M. McDOW

J.M. McDow was one of the oldest settlers of Morgan County, Mo. coming here in about 1852. He settled on land west of Barnett, Mo. in Sec. 20 Moreau Twp. He owned 831 acres, 400 acres of which was in cultivation.

He was born in Boone County, Mo. in 1836, son of John and Alpha M. (Mash) McDow, natives of North Carolina and St. Louis County.

His father, of Scotch-Irish descent came to Missouri in 1815 when a boy and settled in Boone County on 200 acres of government land grant land.

He and his wife were parents of six children: Lucinda (deceased), wife of David Runyan of Morgan County, Mo.;

Mary (deceased), wife of John Easley of Boone County; Sarah (deceased); Robert C. (deceased), J.M. McDow, Jr. (deceased) and Ann McDow (deceased), wife of A.W. Modall of Morgan County. J.M., Jr. was a Democrat, left home at age 23, enlisted in the 2nd Missouri Confederate State Army. He served four years and was in the following battles: Carthage, Lexington, Pea Ridge and was in Gen. Price's entire campaign. Was at Granda, Helena, Little Rock, Camden and was on the famous Price raid, a continuous skirmish from Camden through Kansas, Indian Territory and southern Missouri. He was discharged in March, 1865 after Lee surrendered.

He settled in Morgan County, bought 40 acres of land and Rept adding land until he had 120 acres. He sold this farm. In January, 1867 he married Miss Keziah Kirkpatrick, a native of Tennessee. They had six children: Joseph (deceased) never married; John Thomas (deceased) doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Jefferson City, Mo., later a farmer in Morgan County.

He marreid Rena Crane of Barnett. They had one daughter, Gertie McDow, who married Claudy Albert "Ab" Cochran of Barnett. They lived their entire life in Morgan County on a farm three and a half miles west of Barnett. Mr. Cochran now deceased.

Their children were Charles Wray Cochran and Flossie Cochran (Lopp).

Charley (deceased) a bachelor, was a miner in Idaho, later lived in the state of California.

Alpha L. married Thomas Burrus of Cooper County, Mo. Their children were Talley, Barnett farmer, Emma Routon of Barnett (two daughters, Fern and Pauline) Bird married and lived in the state of California.

Joe, who was a bachelor, lived in Versailles. Mrs. McDow was a Presbyterian and Mr. McDow was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a general stock raiser and farmer. He was a self-made man financially starting as a poor boy and earning his first money as a laborer on a farm. He became one of the leading men in the county.

Keziah died and Mr. McDow married Lydia Ashton. Parents of one son, Barnum. Married Ada Adcock. Spent entire life in Morgan County as farmer and stock raiser.

## CARROL NAPIER

Carroll Napier, age 38, left Casey County Kentucky, with his family in 1855. They started across the plains by government wagon for California. When they reached New Mexico cold weather had set in, so they spent the winter in Santa Fe. Spring came and Mr. Napier turned back and brought his family: Elizabeth, his wife, Frank, son who was only nine years old, daughters, Lucinda and Mary, to Kansas City. They remained in Kansas City until September, 1856. Mr. Napier went to California and worked. He returned to Kansas City and then moved to Morgan County. The family settled about five miles northwest of Versailles. The Napier families lived in this location for several years.

During the Civil War, in 1862, Carrol Napier served in the U.S. Cavalry, Company F, 5th Regiment.

In 1864 his son Frank served in the U.S. Army Company One, 12th Missouri Calvary. Lucinda's husband, George McLaughlin, was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He entered the service in Pennsylvania. Frank Napier married Jennie Rumans, and four children were born: George, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Morris), Edward, and Mary.

Lucinda Napier McLaughlin had three daughters: Belle (Dunlap), Kate (McCoy), and Iva (Laughlin).

The second Napier daughter, Mary, was the mother of one child, Donna (Mrs. Fred Friedley, Sr.).

Kate McLaughlin married George McCoy, and six children were born: Faye, (who died at the age of two), Elischa, Harry, Eugene, and Bonnie. In 1921 Mr. McCoy started the first house to house milk delivery in Versailles. The dairy herd consisted of six purebred Holstein cows, and the deliveries were made twice a day by horse and buggy from the original Napier farm five miles from town. Later Mr. McCoy purchased a farm one mile west of Versailles. He increased his dairy herd to thirty or more cows. A Model T Ford also improved the deliveries. Deliveries were still twice daily because the milk was not pasteurized. In 1932 Mr. McCoy quit the dairy business. He spent his last years in California, still preferring to live in Morgan County.

Lucinda Napier McLaughlin and daughters Kate, Belle, Lucinda, Iva, Early 1890's

Homer McCoy (deceased) was the father of three: Leslie, Wasco, California, Mrs. Claude Marple, Versailles, and Jack Curtis of the state of Georgia.

Elischa Beach of Santa Cruz, California had five children: Murlin Marriott, British Columbia, Canada — Maurice Marriott, Las Vegas, Nevada — Richard Beach, New Mexico — Mrs. Barbara Wilson, Virginia — Janice Beach died at the age of fifteen.

Harry McCoy and wife Fern live in Rocky Mount, Missouri. Their children are the Rev. Eugene McCoy, Salem, Oregon — Herbert McCoy, Beverly (May) and Diana (Sorce) all of California.

Eugene McCoy, the third son of George and Kate McCoy, is deceased. Bonnie and husband, Dave Flaming, live in Bakersfield, California. They have five children: Dean, Phoenix, Arizona — Robert, Loren, Galen and Elaine (Fulfer) all of California. There are sixteen grandchildren.

## FLOYD NELSON

Floyd Nelson, son of Lewis B. and Nora (O'dneal) Nelson was born in Nodaway County, Mo. April 7, 1917. In 1920 the Nelsons moved to a farm five miles north of Prairie Home, Mo. Floyd attended elementary school at Felder Country school. He attended high school in Fort Morgan, Colorado where the family lived for a time. In 1927 they returned to Prairie Home where Floyd was engaged in farming with his father.

He was married to Marguerite Short, daughter of David and Ethel (Lammert) Short on May 20, 1939. In the fall of 1939 Floyd leased a service station in Prairie Home. This business he continued to operate until June 1941 when he was employed by Missouri Utilities Company at Versailles. For a time he was associated with his brother-in-law, Ralph Hall, in the Versailles Appliance Company. Later he had a television

Floyd Nelson Family
*L-r:* Sue, Terry, Marguerite, Allen and Floyd.

retail business of his own. Floyd placed the first television in many homes in Morgan County.

Floyd enjoyed all kinds of outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing. He was especially fond of 'coon hunting. He kept hunting dogs and was always ready to go on a hunt.

Floyd and Marguerite had three children: Allen, Terry, and Sue. Allen is married to the former Jean Watson of Theodore, Alabama, and is serving in the United States Air Force. Terry is married to the former Jill De Neui of Shell Rock, Iowa, and is serving in the United States Navy. Terry and Jill have two sons, Terry Jr. and Ryan. Sue is married to Stephen L. Gunn. Sue works as a counselor at the Disabilities Determination Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. Sue and Stephen have two children: David and Kathryn Sue.

Floyd died July 22, 1966. Marguerite retired in 1976 after 29 years of teaching and continues to live in Versailles. *By Marguerite Nelson*

## JOHN W. NELSON

John Wesley Nelson Jr. was born in Lebanon, Laclede county, Mo., the second of four sons to John Sr. and Cora Bell (Reynolds) Nelson. John Sr. was a Methodist Minister and Cora was a teacher, both coming to Missouri from Kentucky. John Sr. was one of sixteen children born to Francis Marion Nelson in Hampton, Kentucky. Francis Marion Nelson was the son of William Nelson, born in Virginia in 1776. William's ancestors came to America from Scotland.

John Jr. graduated from elementary school at Kearney, Mo. and from high school at Norborne, Mo. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Central College, Fayette, Mo. and a Masters of Education Degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo. After teaching high school for two years, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He completed the Navy V-7 training program at Columbia University in York City and was commissioned an Ensign. Four years of military service during World War II included tours in the Puget Sound area, San Francisco, and Pearl Harbor. He was released to inactive duty, a Lieutenant, from the Great Lakes Naval Air Station.

John was married to Virginia Louise Combs Jan. 21, 1943. John and Virginia came to Morgan County in August of 1946. John was Principal of Versailles High School from that time through December 1951. In January of 1952 he received the appointment as Postmaster in Versailles and has served in that capacity to the present. He has been active in numerous organizations including the Versailles United Methodist Church, Versailles Lions Club, American Legion, Versailles Industrial Corporation, American Lung Association, and the Morgan County Health Center.

Virginia and John Nelson

Virginia Louise (Combs) Nelson was born in Howard County, Mo, the youngest of five children of Norton Combs and Charity Rebecca (Patton) Combs. The family farm passed down through the Patton and Combs family from the time it was first acquired in 1833 and from the U.S. Government to the present time. John C. Combs and Lucy H. (Cropp) Combs, parents of Norton Combs, came to America from England. John C., born in Devonshire, England, settled in Connecticut before coming to Missouri. Robert J. Patton, father of Charity Rebecca Combs, was married to Mary Ellen Barnes. Robert came to Missouri from Tennessee. Virginia gradauted from elementary school in Howard County and from Harrisburg High School in Boone County. She received her business training at Fayette Business School, Fayette, Mo. Virginia worked for the Agriculture Department in Howard and Morgan County for several years and at present is Executive Secretary of Morgan County Inter-County Livestock Producers Association. She has been active in local organizations. *by John Nelson*

## WILLIAM ELWIN NELSON

William Elwin Nelson, grandson of Jacob Nelson who was born in Pennsylvania in 1815, moved to Ohio in his youth was a school master and farmer. His first wife died. Later he married Murilla Smith, William Elwin's grandmother. In 1865 Jacob Nelson moved his large family to Iowa.

William Nelson, third son of Jacob and father of William Elwin, born in 1859 in Zanesville, Ohio, moved with the family by covered wagon to Iowa. Married Alice Amanda Harris in 1881 the daughter of Rubin Harris and Esther Walker. He was in the road construction business in Iowa and Minnesota.

William Elwin Nelson born 1903, at Jefferson, Iowa, the eighth child of William and Alice Nelson, resided in Minnesota as a boy, later attended high school and business college in Des Moines, Iowa. He went to Sioux City, Iowa, to work, met and married Sarah Ann McManus in 1923, the daughter of William James McManus and Anna Jasman daughter of Phillip Jasman and Carrie Zedik.

William Elwin, known as "Bill", sold out his farm business lock, stock and barrel, in the fall of 1934, and moved his fam-

William (Bill) Nelson

ily in the spring of 1935, consisting of his wife Sarah, two daughters, Doris and Lois and son William Dale to South Morgan County, Missouri, planning to get into construction work as work was starting on the Hurricane Deck bridge. But he soon took up residence in Versailles. Noting the need of the farmers here for grain due to the drought, he began acquiring trucks to haul building materials to Iowa and Illinois bringing back grain. He engaged in this for several years.

William Nelson Family
William, Sarah, Dale, Janice, Lois and Doris

During the war Bill worked for Uncle Sam as Price Board Administrator of South Central district of Missouri office of Price Administration and after the war went into partnership bought out a truck-line and formed the Nelson-Hays Lines of Versailles. Served as city collector of Versailles for over eighteen years and retired due to ill health in 1973.

Doris married Sidney Comer and they had two sons, Stephen Nelson (he served in Viet Nam) and Sidney Alan. They live here. Doris died in 1957 of cancer.

Lois married Wayne Forth and they had two children, Kenneth Wayne and Loraine Ann. They are Versailles residents also.

William Dale served in Korea and now lives in Kansas City. Janice Elaine, the fourth child, born in 1938 in Versailles, married Kenneth Dale Phillips. They have two sons, Scott Dale and Randall Alan. They live in Belton, Missouri.

In 1945, Bill's mother died in his home where she had lived for five years following the death of his father.

Looking back, Bill and Sarah have been married fifty-six years at this time and forty-four of them in Versailles. Both belong to the Eastern Star and the Methodist Church and the Morgan County Historical Society. Bill is a member of the Masonic Lodge here also a member of the Lions Club of Versailles for twenty-five years.

## CHARLES NEWKIRK

Charles Newkirk son of Catharine Drake and Tunis Newkirk, born Feb. 5, 1795 in Jefferson County, Ky. On May 15, 1828 he was married to Camilla Wells, daughter of Mary and Thomas Wells. They were married in Bullitt County, Ky. and to them one son was born, John Thomas, on Feb. 26, 1829 in Jefferson County, Ky. A divorce was granted July 5, 1832.

John Thomas Newkirk Family
*Front, l-r:* John Thomas, Margaret Ellen, Charles, Walter and Jefferson; Back: Alta, Melissia, America, Dicia Jane, Martha.

Charles Newkirk made the move westward in a covered wagon with his folks in 1836, with his small son by his side. He settled in Morgan County, buying some land from his brother, Peter Newkirk, who had come ahead of the wagon train to buy land for the pioneers coming west. Charles chose to buy this farm, which later was known as the Charles Shepp farm in the St. Martin Community. Later a part of the farm was given by his son, John Thomas, to build Rock Spring Church. It was thought for a long time that the grove of catalpa trees northwest of the house, which still stands today was there when the Newkirks lived there, but as stated by Tom Shepp that about the turn of the century (around 1905) his dad, Charles Shepp had put the catalpas out in rows real close together so they would grow straight and make good telephone posts. That was, no doubt, about the time telephones were put in more homes. Anyway driving down Highway 5 you can see this grove that never seems to change, and no doubt will be here for years to come.

On May 30, 1839, Charles Newkirk married Dicie Bowen. She was born Jan. 1, 1815 in Virginia and died Dec. 3, 1858 in Morgan County, Mo. Charles died Nov. 21, 1852. Both are buried in the Newkirk Cemetery.

Charles was a large land owner in what is now known as the "St. Martin Community", where he raised the following children; first there was John Thomas born to Charles and Camilla Wells. John Thomas came on the wagon train from Kentucky. He married Margaret Ellen Hays daughter of Eliza Thixton and Fountain Hays on Feb. 9, 1854.

Children are: Charles B. Newkirk, born Jan. 1855, married Adella Vineyard 1878. Mary Eliza Newkirk born Aug. 30, 1857 died young. Martha Frances Newkirk born Dec. 17, 1859, married John Martin Vogt in 1879. (The Vogt family moved to Kansas.) Dicie Jane Newkirk born Dec. 9, 1862, married Hiram P. Lehman in 1881, (this family lived in Colo. and the west.) America A. Newkirk born Jan. 17, 1866, married John R. Shank in 1885, (state of Calif.). Mellissa Newkirk born Feb. 7, 1869, married Michel Branner Driver in 1892,

John Thomas Newkirk and wife, Margaret Ellen

David Seaten Newkirk

(state of Calif.). Alta Estell Newkirk born Sept. 20, 1871, married John P. Hamilton. Alta's only daughter, Jose, married Cap Hutchison and their children live in and around Versailles. Walter Hays Newkirk born July 19, 1874, married "Mech" America Snorgrass in 1898. Gertrude Newkirk born and died in 1877. Jefferson Drake Newkirk born Jan. 13, 1879, married Izora Pertuck 1901. Benjamin Steward Newkirk born June 18, 1883 and died Jan. 29, 1886, buried Newkirk Cemetery.

To Charles Newkirk and second wife Dicie Bower were born four children: James D. Newkirk known as "Big Jim", born July 19, 1840, married Susan C. Smith. James D. was stationed at Boonville during the Civil War and met Susan, who was a "Civil War Belle". Melissa Newkirk born 1841 and married Jacob Sousley Dec. 9, 1864. William H. Newkirk (reportedly he started out west as a young man and was never heard of again). Charles S. Newkirk listed in 1850 census of Morgan Co. as four years old.

James D. "Big Jim's" family remained in Morgan Co. We recall the family of Lucinda "Ludie" and Oscar Scott who lived north of Versailles, and their two sons Tom and Ray. Ray loved to train and show horses at the fairs.

James D. "Big Jim" died Sept. 9, 1903 in Morgan Co. and buried at Newkirk Cemetery by his wife, Susan. *by Omega Hutchison*

## DAVID SEATON NEWKIRK

The first record of the Newkirk family is found in the histories of the Lower Rhine region of Germany. It is believed one branch moved to Holland and lived there for hundreds of years before sailing to America.

David Seaton Newkirk, seventh child of Tunis and Catherine Drake Newkirk, born Dec. 20, 1811, Bullitt County, Ky., married Mary McPherson June 12, 1841, Morgan County, Mo. Mary, daughter of Malinda A. and Joseph McPherson, was born Jan. 24, 1824. (David's home was just east of the Newkirk Cemetery).

Rose Ann Newkirk, fifth child of David Newkirk, born April 27, 1849 Moniteau County, Mo., married Benjamin Franklin Hays, Dec. 1, 1870. Benjamin, son of Frances Jane Miller and Peter Hays, was born June 30, 1842 near Louisville, Ky. He died July 15, 1904. Rose died June 29, 1932 Fortuna, Mo. Benjamin's father, Peter, was born in Kentucky and came to Missouri about 1854. He married Jane Miller, daughter of Levi Miller, who came from Virginia. Peter Hays was killed by bushwhackers July 20, 1864. Benjamin, the oldest son, remained on the farm after the death of his father and became a successful farmer. It was here all thirteen children were born.

The fourth child, James Tilden Hays, born Oct. 9, 1876, Morgan County, Mo., married Arizona Murray June 2, 1909, daughter of Sarah Caroline Marple and Thomas Benton Murray, (The Murray family came from Scotland), was born Sept. 28, 1887, Glensted, Mo. She died April 1, 1931. Tilden died Nov. 15, 1945, both are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Their children were Joseph Shirrell, born Aug. 15, 1910, near Versailles, Mo. He was killed while working at Peoria, Ill. on Dec. 27, 1952; Lola May, born May 21, 1913, died Sept. 20, 1913 near Versailles, Mo; Nora Lucille, born July 9, 1915, married Lloyd Oliver Carter, March 3, 1934, Versailles, Mo. Lloyd, son of Rosa May Hunter and Virgil Oliver Carter, was born Oct. 18, 1911, Fortuna, Mo. (Lloyd's grandfather built a store in Fortuna, Mo. in 1902. Lloyd's father still operates the store.) Lloyd owns and operates a store at Tipton, Mo. Lloyd served with the U.S. Army from May, 1945 to Aug. 1946. They have two sons, James Oliver, born Jan. 30, 1936, Tipton, Mo., who married Mary Margaret Knipp Aug. 19, 1960, Hanau, Germany, (born Aug. 2, 1937, Syracuse, Mo.) They have three children, Christy Ann, born June 2, 1961, Frankfurt, Germany, Carrie Lynn, born March 13, 1965, Jefferson City, Mo. and Todd James, born Aug. 2, 1969, Kansas City, Mo.

Donald Clifton Carter, born April 16, 1938, Tipton, Mo., married Merrill Courtney Sinclair June 20, 1964, Vicenza, Italy, born April 21, 1944, Newport News, Va. They have three children, Donald Clifton, born Dec. 1, 1965, Vicenza, Italy, Chanin Carter, born Oct. 29, 1970, Waynesville, Mo. and Allison Michelle, born Dec. 8, 1972, Jefferson City, Mo.

Lora Ruth, the fourth child of Tilden Hays, born June 28, 1921, at Versailles, Mo., married Charles Lacy Stephens, Dec. 24, 1939, Bland, Mo. Their children are Charolette Ann, born Aug. 12, 1940 Tipton, Mo., married Fred Green, who died 1978, buried Hardy, Ark.; Beverly Sue, born May 2, 1946, Tipton, Mo., married Kent Michael Kopf Aug. 15, 1970. They have one daughter, Jennifer Renee, born Feb. 9, 1973, Rolla, Mo.; David Aubrey, born Nov. 24, 1949, Tipton, Mo., married Jacqueline Wood, Aug. 16, 1969. They have three children, David Anthony, born June 24, 1970, Brent Allen, born Dec. 1, 1973, and Lori Elaine, born Sept. 28, 1975.

Judy Kathryn Stephens, born Nov. 18, 1953, Tipton, Mo., married Herbert Lynn Rimel Aug. 19, 1972 Tipton, Mo. and they have one son, Aaron Bradley, born Sept. 6, 1976.

Debra Jo Stephens, born Dec. 11, 1957, Tipton, Mo. married Russell Wayne Knipp Aug. 12, 1978.

## TUNIS NEWKIRK

Tunis, son of Cornelia Sousley and Peter Newkirk, born April 10, 1768 in Virginia, married Catharine Drake April 24, 1794 in Jefferson County, Kentucky. With their nine children,

Napoleon "Bud" and Nannie Newkirk

they made the move westward with the wagon train in 1836. A hundred people came and settled in Morgan County, among them were the Thixtons, Hays, Drakes, Browns, and Newkirks, many more families crossing the Ohio River at the Falls, staying on the Wilderness Trail until they reached Howard County. Catharine's father, Jesse Drake, born in England, came to the "Boone Lick" Country in territory days, 1818. Jemima (Rose) Drake, his wife, died in Bullitt County, Kentucky. Tunis' line is traced to Gerret Van Nieuwkerck who came on the Dutch Ship "Moseman", sailing for America from Holland 25 April 1659. Tunis is the 6th generation. Tunis and Catharine's children: Charles, Jemima Bowen, Elizabeth Stewart, Drake, Peter, Sarah McPherson, David, Harrison, Roseann Howard. Tunis and all his children but Elizabeth moved to north Morgan County. In 1845 this became Moniteau County. He built a log house on David's farm near the Newkirk Cemetery. Eight of the Newkirk brothers and sisters owned land north, east, west and south of the Newkirk Cemetery. Tunis must have been proud to see his children settled in this wild unsettled country before he died in 1843. As far as they could see, for miles and miles, this was NEWKIRK COUNTRY. Tunis and Catharine were laid to rest in Newkirk Cemetery.

Peter, son of Tunis, born in Bullitt County, Kentucky 1805, came to Morgan County as early as 1834, buying land which he sold to the pioneers on the wagon train. In Bullitt County, Kentucky, in 1835 he married Mary Brown, daughter of Susannah Bishop and Hugh Brown. Her parents came to Morgan County but are buried at Clarks Chapel Cemetery in Howard County. Peter built his home near David's, on the Smith Fork Creek. His home was built of logs, sort of like a fort, with peepholes on all sides, as Indians still roamed the country. During the Civil War the bushwhackers burned his home, and it had so much gunpowder and ammunition in it that exploded as it got hot, that it could be heard for miles and miles. At Peter's death 1864, each of his children heired 120 acres. All of his children were born in the log house the bushwhackers burned. They are: Charles, Hugh, Tobias, Louisa, Melissa, Alonzo, Napoleon, Josephine M. and Mary Josephine. (Charles, the oldest son, was burying some money and family valuables in an old log corncrib, thinking the bushwhackers were coming, when a gun in his belt fell as he was digging, discharging, killing him instantly.)

Napoleon or "Bud" as he was known, heired the homeplace, born 11 June 1851. All his life was wrapped up in this place where he was born, married and lived all his life at the same place. He died here and was buried near the old homestead in the Peter Newkirk Family Cemetery, later known as the "Bud" Newkirk Family Cemetery. All of his children were born in the house built during the Civil War. It stood over 100 years, until 1970. Bud married Nancy E.J.S. Wright, daughter

Napoleon "Bud" Newkirk Family, 1911
In front of the old Peter Newkirk homestead (built in 1864)

of Christian Swindell and Barzillai Wright. They had four children: Imogene born 1877, married Everett Knife, Alpha born 1879, married Sam Charles; Joe born 1881, married Amy Henry, Mary Christian born 1884, married Lawrence Moser.

To continue Alpha Newkirk Charles line, see Samuel Charles. They were the last to own the old Newkirk homestead, selling it in 1921. *Omega (Charles) Hutchison*

## SAMUEL N. NEWTON, M.D.

Dr. Samuel N. Newton was born near High Point, Mo. Mar. 15, 1875, the son of George and Louise Durfey Newton. He was raised on the farm and gradauted from Hooper's Institute in Clarksburg, Mo. in 1893. Upon announcing to his parents that he was going to attend medical school, his father promptly "disowned" him, thinking he should stay on the farm. His uncle, Sam Newton, who lived in Eldon financed his medical education in the old American Medical College in St. Louis, from which he graduated in 1907. He did his post-graduate work at New York University, graduating in 1908 with the highest honors in his class.

Dr. S.N. Newton

Enroute back home, aboard the Rock Island train, Dr. Newton met "Cyclone" Dick Johnson, a big-time real estate agent from Stover. Johnson convinced Dr. Newton that he should go on with him to Stover and look over the "gold mine waiting for him in the practice of medicine," in a booming town.

Johnson even paid for Dr. Newton's additional train fare round trip from Eldon to Stover, as an inducement for him to make the trip. The young doctor had nothing to lose so he took "Cyclone" up and stepped off the train in Stover with his last three dollars in his pocket.

During the first year of his medical practice in Stover, he met the charming daughter of Fred and Louisa Wittrock Koch, Minnie, and they were soon married. Following the death of William Koch, Mrs. Newton took into their home her niece, Gertrude Koch, whom they raised as their own daughter, until her marriage.

In 1924, Dr. and Mrs. Newton moved to Versailles, where he went into partnership with Dr. William Well. Mrs. Newton and Bertha Johns, niece of Dr. Well, opened the "Fashion Shop", ladies ready-to-wear store, on North Monroe Street in Versailles. That same year they took into their home a nephew, Herbert Koch. In 1925 they built a beautiful home on North Monroe street, just north of the old Martin Hotel.

In 1926 Dr. and Mrs. Newton took two more nephews into their home, Gene Nason Bartram and Alvin Koch, whom they raised as their own sons.

Dr. Newton was a typical horse and buggy and model T. Ford doctor. He spent long hours at his practice and was also active in the improvement of Versailles. He served until his death as a director of the Bank of Versailles. He was alderman on the city council for eight years and served two terms as president of the Versailles Chamber of Commerce. He served for eight years as coroner of Morgan County.

Although Dr. and Mrs. Newton had no children of their own, they were very proud of their niece and nephews they raised in their home. Dr. Newton was often paid by his patients with livestock and produce in lieu of money when times were hard. He always kept a milk cow and his nephews grew up milking the cows morning and night. Their "Uncle Doc" believed in disciplined lives and, despite his strict training, his nephews loved him.

Dr. Newton's wife, Minnie, died in 1930 and in 1933 he married Ross Burns, who died in 1969. Dr. Newton died at his home in Versailles in 1941 and was buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## ELIHU NICHOLS

Elihu Nichols' father came to live in America from Ireland. Elihu (born October 15, 1850 and died 1929) was born in Nickleville, Scott County Virginia. As a young man Elihu moved to a farm four miles south of Syracuse. He married Mary Francis Burnett (born December 28, 1857 and died in 1923) of Camden, Missouri. They were the parents of ten children; Luncidy, Minnie, Eddie, H. William, Charles, Pearl, Luna, James, Thomas, Eugene Deb, and Frederick.

Eugene Deb (born December 27, 1895 and died September 6, 1930) married Maudie Akin (born November 21, 1897) and made their home on Elihu's farm. Seven children were born; Lloyd, Melvin, John, Marvin, Lewis, Mildred, and Nadine. Eugene died at the age of thirty-four, only a year after his father's death. Maudie then married Edward Skinner and the family moved to a farm near Fortuna. A son, Hugh, was born to Maudie.

Lloyd (born May 14, 1916 and died 1957) married Cynthia Baxter of Fortuna. After serving on the U.S. Enterprise, Lloyd and Cynthia made their home in Versailles.

Melvin (born November 2, 1918 and died 1941) never married.

John (born October 31, 1920) married Helen Welcher of Hubbard, Iowa. John spent his service years in Washington. They returned to Iowa to engage in farming south of Radcliffe. Four children were born to them; Donald, Phyllis, Barbara, and David.

Marvin (born July 13, 1922 and died 1970) married Ila Mae Parrish of Syracuse. During the war years, Marvin was stationed both in Europe and Hawaii. With their four children, Linda, DeAnna, Ronnie, and Paula they resided in Independence, Missouri.

Lewis (born July 12, 1924) served his service years on Guadalcanal. Later he married Helen Bonner of St. Louis. They have three children, Kenneth, Jay, and Craig. Lewis and his family have made their home in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mildred (born November 26, 1926) married Norman Offineer of Versailles. They have four girls, Sharon, Sandra, Kathleen, and Kim. Mildred now lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Nadine (born May 7, 1929) married Elmo Kays of Versailles. Their seven children are Beverly, Donald, Joseph, Becky, Cynthia, Hugh, and William. Nadine lives in Versailles.

Hugh Skinner (born September 15, 1932) who was in the Korean Conflict married Louise Medley and have two girls, Deborah, and Treasa. Later he moved to New Jersey and married. Hugh and Barbara have four sons; Michiel, Craig, John and Robert.

In 1949 Maudie married William Wallin of Lebanon. They lived in Lebanon. As a widow, Maudie returned to Versailles to make her home near her daughter, Nadine. *by Barbara Kuper*

## ISABEL WILLIAMS NICHOLS

Electa (1837-1915), the second child of Daniel and Mary Williams, married John Hunter in 1855. (See Daniel Williams Biog.) They were the parents of David, Theron, Judith, Mary, Elizabeth, and Sarah (Litzinger). They also had two young sons who were killed in the tornado that destroyed Barnettsville in 1880. Electa and John moved to Oklahoma and died there. Sarah lived on a tract of land inherited from her maternal grandparents. Her daughters Ethel and Flora grew up on the farm. Ethel Litzinger taught school in Morgan County. She is ninety-five years old (1979) and lives in Waco, Texas. Her sister, Flora Thrower, is 93 and lives in Oklahoma.

Richard and Isabel Nichols with Bernice Mobley

Phoebe (1842-1915) married William Yarnell in 1866. Their children were Daniel (an Eldon physician), Anna, and Willie (Robbins). After the death of her first husband Phoebe married Sam Harrison and they had Lillian (Chatham) and Gertrude (Benage), Brooks (English) and a son who died. The Harrisons resided in Eldon. Phoebe died at her sister Isabel's home.

John (1845-1911) married Hannah Rauselbach. They were the parents of Alpha, Laura, John, Leopold, William, Effie, Sumpter, Richard, Lina, Robert and Ferdinand. John and Hannah lived in Jefferson City in their later years. John also died at the home of Isabel Nichols in 1911.

Daniel, the third son, married Elizabeth Goodman in 1870. They had two children, Lee and Gertie. After the death of Elizabeth, Daniel married Jane Allen of St. Louis and they had three children. Dan was a policeman in St. Louis until his death.

The youngest child Mary ("Minnie") 1855-1892 married Tom Mobley in 1872. To this union were born Jennie, Charles, Will, Bertha, Beal and Bernice. Minnie died soon after the birth of Bernice. Aware of her impending death, she gave her baby to her sister, Isabel, who reared her as her own. The Mobley family lived in the original Williams home for many years. This house was only recently destroyed. The widow of Minnie's son Will (Daisy Imler Mobley who is 95 and lives in Versailles) and her descendants still own a part of the farm.

Isabel Drummond (1852-1928) was the sixth child of the family. She moved to the East Prairie area when she was six and lived there the rest of her life. In 1871 she married Richard T. Nichols. He had been a Confederate soldier from eastern Tennessee who had come to Morgan County at the close of the War. The couple settled on the tract of land that Isabel had inherited from her parents and built their small home across the pasture from the Williams home. Two children were born, Arminda Kavanaugh (1872-1953) and Samuel Orsino (1878-1936). The Nichols were known as Aunt Izzie and Uncle Dick. Their home became a refuge for many relatives and friends who had no other place to go. "Aunt Sarah" Long was one of those and died there at the age of 88 in 1900. Arminda Nichols was a schoolteacher prior to her marriage to "Texas Hi" Madole in 1896. They bought the farm adjoining the Nichols from a Williams cousin and eventually the two farms were combined. All four of the Madole children live in Morgan County (Gwendolyn Bradshaw, Gladys Akin, Nadyne McDonald, and Richard Madole). Richard lives on a part of the farm which was purchased in 1858. Samuel Nichols was also a schoolteacher. He married Lennie Goodman and had one son Garnett. The family moved to Colorado in 1918 where Garnett resides today. Richard and Isabel Nichols and Hiram and Minda Madole were buried in Big Rock Cemetery.

Nichols Home - Summer 1910
*L-r:* Richard and Isabel Nichols, Minda and "Hi" Madole, Nadyne, Richard, Gwendolyn and Gladys Madole.

## WILLIAM PETER NICHOLS

Four generations of the William Peter Nichols family had homes and were in business in Versailles from the year 1892 to 1965.

William Peter Nichols was born on a steamboat of which his father was the captain in Tallahassee Bay, Fla., July 26, 1839. His home was in Stokes County, North Carolina, and he was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War. He married Louise Elizabeth Barnes. He and his family came to Versailles in 1891. He bought and sold produce and occupied the first business house built in Versailles. The building was one block off the northwest corner of the courthouse square on Monroe Street (the building is thought to have been built in 1836). He was one of the founders of the Christian Church in Versailles. He had six sons and one daughter: Albert E., William A., Oris, Charles, Melvoris (Voris), Molly and Fred. Two married Versailles girls; Voris married Mattie Hunter and Fred married Emma Hardy.

Fred followed his father in the produce business in Versailles, and eventually operated a grocery store for many years. He had one son, Frederick Hardy, who has three sons and lives in the state of Washington today.

In 1923, William Peter's grandson, Claude Lawson Nichols, son of William A., came to Versailles. He was born in 1900 in Sedalia, Mo., and grew up in Pleasant Hill, Mo. He owned and operated the Versailles Feed and Produce Co. until his health failed in 1954. He retired to Sarasota, Fla., and died

W.P. Nichols and Mr. Spidel
In front of Nichols Produce in 1890's

there in 1960. In 1930 he married Opal V. Roberts of Cass county, Mo., and they had two children Janice and C. Lawson.

Lawson owned and operated Nichols Sundries in Versailles from 1961 until 1965. He married Marolyn Denny from Eldon, Mo., and they have two children, Scott Alan and Brian Gregory. They reside in Lebanon, Mo., where Lawson is director of the Laclede County Vocational School.

Janice Nichols Claxton had one son, James G., who died in 1978. She is a business education teacher in Lakeland, Fla.

During the years Claude L. Nichols was in business, three brothers co-owned the business with him; Augustus (Gus), Charles (Hap), and Jack.

"Hap" was the only one who had children. He married Anna Laurie Longacre of Pleasant Hill, Mo., and they had three children; Ruth, who married Peter Kidwell from Versailles and who now lives in the state of Calif.; Norma Jean, who married Sidney Branson of Pleasant Hill, and who also lives in Calif.; and Richard who lives in Conn. Richard has three sons: Steven, an electrical engineer in Endicott, N.Y.; Keith and Barry, both college students. "Hap" and his family moved to Uplands, Calif., in 1947. *Opal Nichols*

## ABRAHAM J. NIKKEL

Abraham J. Nikkel and his wife, Kathryn M. Hilty Nikkel, live on a dairy farm in the Bethel Mennonite Community, eight miles northeast of Versailles.

Abraham was born in Goessel, Kans. June 7, 1937, the son of Jacob P. and Eva Unrau Nikkel. He received most of his education in the Goessel area. He and his family spent a year in Reedley, Calif. He also spent one and a half years in alternative service at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital at Denver, Colo. He attended Bethel College at North Newton, Kas.

Kathryn was born in Donnelson, Ia. on Oct. 16, 1938, the daughter of Carl B. and Viola Driver Hilty. She moved with her family to Versailles in 1944. She received her primary education at Prairie Valley Rural school and at Versailles High School. She also attended Bethel College at North Newton,

*L-r:* Julie, Beckey, James Peter; *Back:* Katheryn and Abe Nikkel

Kas. and graduated from Bethel Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing.

Abe and Kathryn were married in 1960 at Bethel Mennonite Church, near Fortuna, Mo. They have three children, Julie Celeste Nikkel, born Oct. 12, 1961 at Newton, Kas., Alice Rebecca (Becky) Nikkel, born Dec. 1, 1963 at Boonville, Mo. and James Peter Nikkel born Oct. 16, 1968 at Newton, Kas.

After their marriage, Abraham and Kathryn lived in Newton, Kas. They moved to Morgan County to the Gingerich farm, northeast of Versailles, where they lived from 1962 to 1967. They returned to Kansas and lived in the Hillsboro-Canton area from 1967 to 1973. Versailles became their home again in 1973, when they bought the Carl B. Hilty dairy farm.

Abraham (Abe) is interested in the church and community and the local Farm Bureau organization and Mennonite disaster work have been his main interests together with his farm and family.

Kathryn, a registered nurse, is active in church, family, health and nursing care. She is employed at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home at Versailles.

Finding a place and meaningful experiences in Morgan County for ourselves and our family has been the goal of the family. We are proud to be a part of Morgan County. *By Kathryn Hilty Nikkel*

## AUGUST NOLTE

August Nolte and his two older brothers, Henry and Louis, arrived in Morgan County, Mo. in 1870. August was born Feb. 5, 1853 in Germany. They settled four miles south of Florence, Mo. They were very young. August bought the farm later. At that time farms could be homesteaded. He told about Florence when the Butterfield trail and wagon trains went through there. He attended trials held in saloons and he told of Bushwhackers in his neighborhood.

On Feb. 13, 1878 he married Wilhelmine Loges, born July 19, 1859 in Florence, the daughter of parents who came from Germany. She had two brothers who never married.

The children of August, and Wilhelmine were Martin, Frieda, Gusta, Pauline, Minnie Willie, Louise, Anne, and Julius.

Martin married Matilda Grupe and they had two daughters, Dorothy and Helen. They moved to St. Louis.

August and Wilhelmine Nolte and son Martin

Frieda married August Heismeyer of Florence. Their children are Minnie, Katie, Willie and Jessie. All have left Morgan County.

Gusta was born May 29, 1880. She married Adolph Kroeschen of Pyrmont Feb. 15, 1900. They bought a farm in the Self Chapel area just west of middle Richland Creek, bordering Backbone Ridge. Self (first name unknown) homesteaded the place. Adolph and Gusta had eleven children, August, Otto, Bertha, Fred, Hulda, Viola, Edwin, Minnie, Raymond and Robert (twins) and Rosena. They all grew up in Morgan County.

Pauline Nolte married Godfred Rugen of Pyrmont. Their children were Arlie, Walter and Louenda. They moved to Kansas.

Minnie Nolte married Fred Bunselmeyer of Hudson, Kas. Their children were Alvina, Ruth and two sons, names unknown. They moved to Kansas.

Julius married Electa Edwards of Colorado. Their children were Evelyn, Angela and Marvin. They moved to Centralia, Mo. Willie Nolte died in 1911.

Anna Nolte died at age two weeks.

Louise Nolte married Bill Tidd of Kansas City, Mo. They had one daughter, Marilyn. They moved to Florida.

August Nolte died in 1902. His widow lived on the farm until 1911 when she married George Gower. They bought a home east of Florence, Mo. In 1927 George died. Wilhelmine Nolte Gower died Nov. 5, 1936, leaving thirty-six grandchildren. Only one grandson, Marvin Nolte, carried the Nolte name. *Hulda Zimmerschied*

## HENRY NOLTE

Henry Nolte (1850-1939) was born in Germany. In the 1870's he and a brother came to America, arriving at Boonville via the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. He worked on farms in that area for a few years, sending money back to Germany to help other relatives to come here.

In 1881 Henry purchased a 168-acre farm in Morgan County, Mo. twelve miles northwest of Versailles, near the old Self Chapel School. Total price of the farm was $206.25

Pauline (Nolte) Lefevere

In 1887 Henry received his citizenship papers. His character witnesses were Anton Ehlers and Fritz Nolting.

In about 1888 he married Marie Lemler (1853-1913). They had three sons and one daughter, Fred, Ernest, Willie and Pauline.

Fred married Bertha Koerner. They spent their life in eastern Morgan County in the Hopewell community. Ernest and Willie died young.

Pauline married Alva J. Lefever. She now resides in Versailles but still owns the original Nolte homestead. *Written by Juanita Hilderbrand*

## FREDERICH NOLTING

Frederich Nolting, the youngest of ten children of Conrad Nolting, was born in Hanover, Germany April 22, 1819 and he and his wife Carolina (Wassman) and three children, Frederich, Carolina and Mimi came to Morgan County by way of the Atlantic Ocean to New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Boonville. He purchased a farm in Morgan County in 1854 where his grandson, Herman H. Nolting, now resides. A fourth child was born in 1858 in Morgan County and named Hermann. The father, Frederich, served as Captain of C Company, German Regiment Homeguard Volunteers of Benton County during the Civil War. He was instrumental in founding the Bethlehem Lutheran Church also called the Nolting Church. Services were held in his home at first until a church building was built just northwest of his home.

Frederich and Carolina's son, Hermann, married a nearby neighbor girl, Elizabeth Mueller, born January 21, 1861 in Bremen, Germany and who came to Morgan County at the age of 9. Her father came to America first and earned enough money to bring over his wife and three daughters, Elizabeth, Metta and Katharina. He was a wagon maker. Hermann and Elizabeth were married in May, 1881 and lived on the homeplace. Their family included Pauline C. who married Henry F. Bauer, owner of Stover Milling Co., Frederich H., born November 15, 1883 and married to Anna Windler December 7, 1905; Henry H., a carpenter, who married Matilda Ehlers; and Herman H. married to Nettie Lemke. Herman H. served on the Morgan County Court 30 years, 16 years being presiding judge. He lives on the homeplace, this year being 125 years in the same family. The three boys, Frederich, Henry and Herman were members of the Richland Band, a group of relatives and friends, that was started around 1910 by their minister. They played at weddings, picnics and occasionally at church.

Frederich and Anna lived on a farm about three miles east of his father's place. He ran a sawmill and threshing machine. To this union were born: Selma, who died when 10 months of

Herman and Elizabeth Nolting
Children — F.H., Henry, Pauline Herman, *Front.*

age of pneumonia; Harry, a farmer and later foreman of the Versailles Special Road District and married to Josephine Gerlt; Herbert, a farmer, married to Mildred Viebrock; and Leroy, a farmer, who married Ardella Hagedorn. They all presently live in Morgan County.

Nolting Church

Harry and Josephine lived on a farm 5½ miles north of Versailles and later bought and moved to an adjoining farm in 1933 where their daughter and son-in-law Joan and Hiram W. Shepp presently live. They now live in Versailles. They have three other daughters: Kathryn, married Warren McCollester and has three children, Rodney, Kevin, and Linda. Dorthy, married Charles Ball and has two daughters, Teresa and Pamela. Elizabeth married Eugene Short and has two sons, Jeffrey and Steven. Joan and Hiram Shepp have three children, Robert, Sandra and Connie. *By Jaon Shepp*

## HEINRICH CONRAD NOLTING

My grandfather, Heinrich Conrad Nolting, was born February 2, 1835 in Gellersen, Hanover Province, Germany and came to the United States of America as a very young man. He settled on a farm near Pyrmont, Morgan County, Missouri.

On May 11, 1858, my grandfather married Justine Wittrock in the Trinity Lutheran Church at Pyrmont, Morgan County, Missouri. Justine had come to America with her parents, Herman Wittrock and his wife, Justine Fischer. They had lived in Grubenhagen, Germany.

Smiley School House after it was abandoned

Their two sons were born on the farm in Haw Creek Township, Henry in 1859 and my father, Friedrich (Fritz) in 1861. My grandfather died during the Civil War, around 1863.

Friedrich (Fritz) Nolting Family

In 1885 my father married Maria Pape who had come to America from Selsingen, Germany in 1883 with her parents and two sisters, Rebecca and Margaret. They also settled on a farm in Morgan County. Eight of their children were born there, Justine, Henry, George, Edward, Mary, William, Hulda, and Arthur. With hard work they managed to make a good living.

The older children attended Smiley country school which was abandoned some years ago.

In the late summer of 1907, the year Oklahoma became a state, my parents moved by train to Oklahoma, accompanied by my maternal grandparents, Gerd and Maria Pape. In 1910 my parents bought a farm in Major County, Oklahoma and spent the remaining years of their life on this farm.

Three sons were born to my parents in Oklahoma, Alfred, Lawrence, and Emmet (Jack). The family now consisted of eight boys and three girls.

Several years later my oldest brother, Henry, moved back to Morgan County, Missouri, on my parents' farm, and married Lena Stucker, daughter of William and Alvina Stucker of Stover, Missouri.

Henry is now retired and lives in Stover. His two daughters live in Missouri, Irene Young in Stover, and Della Marie Gillen in Lockwood, Missouri.

Four sons and two daughters are still living in Missouri and Oklahoma. Among the descendants are twenty-four grand-

children, fifty-eight great grandchildren, and fourteen great, great grandchildren. *Hulda N. Cooley*

## JUDGE ROBERT ARTHUR NORFLEET

Robert Arthur Norfleet was born Jan. 5, 1870, at High Point, Mo., son of John W. Norfleet, born in Cole County, Mo. about 1829 and Sarah C. Nichols, born in Calloway County, Mo. about 1842.

Mr. Norfleet came to Morgan County March 15, 1897 from High Point. He was educated in the public schools and the University of Missouri. He was justice of peace in 1904 and was elected representative from Morgan County. He took the place of M.S. Evans, who was nominated for representative at the Republican county convention but could not be elected. Norfleet defeated his Democrat opponent, John A. Hannay. He served Morgan County two successive terms. Was presiding judge of the county court two terms. A popular political figure, he was also identified with financial interests as one of the highest ranking citizens in Morgan County. He was active in promoting the building of a new hospital in the Missouri State Prison.

In 1906 he was appointed by Governor Folk as the Republican member of the junketing committee which required that he visit and inspect all state institutions.

He was married to Minnie A. Tising, who was the third child of pioneer merchant, J.F. Tising and his wife, Margaret, of High Point, Mo., where she was raised. Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet operated the general merchandise store at Excelsior for many years as Tising & Norfleet Store.

Mrs. Norfleet traveled around the world and the accounts of her travels are to be found in the old files of the Versailles Statesman. In 1918 she wrote a book about her travels entitled, "A Whirl Around the World." Their lovely old home was at the end of the main street in Excelsior.

She died July 23, 1946 at age 78, leaving one sister, Mrs. Laura Gabriel of Versailles, and three brothers, George and Loyd Tising of High Point and Herman Tising of Pueblo, Colo.

The Norfleet's had no children but raised Millie Reichel, who married Richard Hutchison, in their home.

Judge Norfleet died in 1933 on his 63rd birthday. He and his wife are buried in High Point Cemetery. *Omega Hutchison*

## T.D. O'BRYAN

Turner D. O'Bryan was born in Cooper County, Mo. in 1840, the son of James and Elizabeth Hall Bryan. His father was a native of North Carolina and his mother of Kentucky.

James O'Bryan moved to Cooper County, Mo. in 1832, settled on a farm and died there in 1858 at age 66 years. Elizabeth O'Bryan died in Versailles in 1877 at age 77. Both were members of the Baptist church.

T.D. O'Bryan lived on the farm with his father until age 27, when he came to Morgan County, Mo. and opened a general store at Gravois Mills, Mo. There he also built a lead furnace, the first in the county and operated it for 11 years.

Later he came to Versailles and established a general store, which he operated for several years before going into the implement business.

He was married in 1866 to Miss Laura Greens, a native of Cooper County. His children were William Elizabeth (wife of Joshua Kidwell), Eva, Flora, Mollie, Erie, Lola and Roy.

His first wife died in 1870. She was the mother of the first four children. He married Miss Louise Craven, a native of Indiana, who was the mother of his last four children. She died in 1885.

In 1880 he married Miss Mary Hanna.

T.D. O'Bryan, who was a holder of 700 acres of land in Morgan County, was a Democrat, member of the Christian Church, member of the Masonic Lodge and was public administrator for Morgan County.

The date of his death is not known.

## BERNHARD (BEN) H. OEHRKE

Bernhard H. Oehrke was born on November 9, 1899 on a farm 3 miles south of Florence, Mo. He was the fifth son of Henry and Anna Sophia (Kurtz) Oehrke. On April 28, 1945, he married Bessie Mabel Kanenbley. She was the daughter of Herman and Nettie Louise (Hughes) Kanenbley and was born on May 1, 1899. Ben died of a heart attack on July 31, 1974 and was buried in Highland Sacred Gardens at Sedalia, Mo. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, having attended German Bible School in Florence, Mo. and having been confirmed when a child of about 12 years of age.

Bessie (Kanenbley) and Bernhard H. Oehrke

Ben Oehrke remained on the family farm with his family until around 1934, when he accepted a position with an amusement vending machine company in Sedalia as a salesman and repairman. He remained there for thirteen years; he and a partner purchased that equipment and set up the B and G Music Company in Jefferson City, Mo. After a year, Ben bought that business and operated it for five years under the name of Oehrke Music Company.

Bessie Kanenbley

Bessie (Kanenbley) Oehrke completed a secretarial course at Central Business College in Sedalia and was employed for approximately 40 years in law, insurance, and real estate, and civil service offices. Ben sold the Oehrke Music Company in Jefferson City and moved to Kansas City where his wife was employed in a civil service position. There he was an assistant

at the Floral Hills Funeral Home and later an order clerk with the John Marshal Office Equipment Company in Kansas City for ten years.

After their retirement, the Oehrkes moved to Sedalia, where Mrs. Oehrke now resides. They had no children. *by Mrs. Ben H. Oehrke*

## HENRY CHRISTIAN AUGUST OEHRKE

Henry C.A. Oehrke was born October 21, 1832 in Germany, coming to America at age 17. He married Martha Marie Monsees, Bramer, Germany. She was born November 3, 1837. They settled in Morgan County and had seven sons and three daughters; Henry (born May 6, 1860), Wilmenia, Louis, Margaret, August C., Christian, Martin, Gavert, Conrad, and Anna Gescha.

Henry and Sophia (Kurtz) Oehrke grandson, Donald Oehrke 1929

Henry married Sophia A. Kurtz, born Nov. 10, 1867. They lived west of Florence, later moving to the Oehrke homestead southwest of Florence, which is still in the Oehrke's name. A great-grandson, Leo, and family live there. Sophia and Henry had six sons and one daughter: August, Anna Margaret (died at age two), Edward, William, Earnest, Bernhard, and Otto.

August married Frances Gemenden. They had a son, Donald, and a daughter, Darlene. Donald married Phyllis Babricky and their children are Kathleen, Kevin, Kristy, and Karen. Darlene married Ralph Thomas and their sons are Rodney, Karis, Dewayne, and Chris. Rodney married Vickie Skelton and have a daughter, Teaska. Karis married Mary Ann Kahrs and have a son Zachary and daughter Erin Michelle. Dewayne married Tina Wilson and have a daughter Mandy.

Edward married Emma Boatcher, had two sons Emil and Leo Ray. Emil married Lois Rasa; their son is Charles and daughter Judy Kay. Charles married Sharon Gocherhour and have a daughter Kristin and son Chad. Judy married William Harp and have a daughter Stephanie. Leo Ray married Evelyn Rumans. Their children are L.R., Gayle, Roanld, Sharon, and Janelle. L.R. married Mary Martin and their sons are Paul and Craig.

William married Bessie Ditzfield and had three children: Shelby, Cathlene (died at age two), and Erblyn. Shelby married Fern Jerigan, and had two daughters; Catherine and Barbara. Catherine married Donald Gibson and have 2 sons, Richard and Robert. Catherine was divorced and married John Crawfield and has a son Michael. Barbara married Charles Brown and have a son, Kenneth. Erblyn married Marvin May. Their children are William Lee and Connie. William married Sandra Dorsey and have two sons; William, Jr., and Clint. Connie married John Ehlers and have a son, Christopher.

Earnest married Mary Semkin and had a son, Earl and daughter, Opal. When Earnest was 15 he sent for a fiddle from Sears Roebuck. His father told him there wasn't an Oehrke who could play any music, but he was determined and practiced until he could play very well. After his son was old enough he taught him and several other boys to play fiddle tunes and also guitar. Earnest and Earl played at many a country barn dance and Earl still enjoys playing with neighbors and friends. Mary played piano and taught their daughter, Opal, to play and also several neighbor girls, and Opal now teaches piano.

Earl married Ruby Zimmerschied and they have a daughter, Carolyn, and son, Richard. Carolyn married Dale Montgomery and they have a daughter, Tammy Dee, and son, Shannon Dale. Richard married Judy Templeton and they have three children; Michael Shane, Jason Kirk, and Jada Nicole. Opal married Edgar Zimmerschied and they have two daughters, Mary Ann and Joyce. Mary Ann married James Richwine and they also have two daughters, Jami Ann and Kimberly Kay.

Bernhard (Ben) married Bessie Kanenbly. They had no children.

Otto married Grace Fowler and had a son, Alonzo. Alonzo is married but has no children. Otto is now married to Christine Bellemy and lives on the Oehrke homestead south of Florence in Morgan County. *Mrs. Earl Oehrke*

## JOHN ALAN OSBORN

John Osborn's grandfather, John Alan Osborn's ancestors came from Germany in the 1800's, settled in southern Missouri. They were farmers and timber workers.

John and Pearl (Bishop) Osborn — 1955

John Alan was born June 12, 1830 in Camden County and on Feb. 26, 1854 he married Mary Jane Evans, who was born Aug. 15, 1833. Their children were John, Dec. 11, 1855; Mira, Aug. 22, 1856; Rose, Aug. 20, 1858; Samuel Alan, Nov. 26, 1860; James, Sept. 1862; William, Dec. 1874; Lizzie Bell, Jan. 15, 1877.

Samuel Alan married Rebecca Jane Hicks, born Feb. 19, 1865, daughter of Dudley Hicks and Millie Parker Hicks, on Oct. 11, 1885. Her parents were related to the Cherokee Indians. Their children were Edna Osborn Murphy, born Aug. 23, 1889, John Dudley, born Jan. 23, 1894, Dewey E., born July 9, 1898, and Lesley R. born June 24, 1906.

John D. Osborn married Pearl Victoria Bishop, born Nov. 7, 1902, near Climax Springs, Mo., Jan. 28, 1920. Her father, Thomas Benton Bishop, married them. He was born April 4, 1859 in Camden County. Was justice of the peace of Adair township and taught school for forty years. He married Delilah Collins Flippin in 1885 at Climax Springs. He was the son of William Bishop who fought in the Civil War, and died during that time. The children of Thomas B. and Delilah were Letha, born July 5, 1896; Arthur Ray, Nov. 22, 1898; Nora H.

Jan. 19, 1900; Pearl V. Nov. 7, 1902; Anna M. April 3, 1904; Roy July 1, 1908; Dorothy Dec. 8, 1911; Rollo June 1, 1913; Corda June 5, 1915, and Maxine, March 9, 1922.

John and Pearl came to Morgan County in 1923 and lived on a farm south of Stover, Mo. They lived through the Great Depression. In 1940 they sold out and moved to Versailles.

Their children were Lavern Rigsby, born Jan. 12, 1922; Stanley B. born Aug. 31, 1924; Mayme Cline, born Mar. 6, 1926; Georgina Hiller, born June 8, 1928; John D. born Jan. 24, 1930; Ona Beck, born Jan. 15, 1933; Fred L. born Dec. 29, 1934; Lela Peterson, born Dec. 31, 1936; Barbara J. born Dec. 11, 1940.

THomas B. Bishop died March 4, 1948 and his wife died Oct. 15, 1938.

John D. Osborn died July, 1965. Barbara, daughter of John and Pearl lives with her mother at Versailles. She works at the Sheltered Work Shop. *by Pearl Osborn*

## DEDRICH HENRY OTTEN

Dedrich Henry Otten came to the states from Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, with a group of German immigrants and settled in Morgan County near Florence, Mo. At this time the town was called "Nigger Hill" because one of the business places was owned and run by a black man. The town was later named Florence.

Four Generations of Otten Family
Bernice Otten Nobles (Tiny), holding daughter Martha Imogene John Dedrick Otten and Charles Henry Otten

During the Civil War the Bushwackers didn't approve of the German settlers so they raided the town, forced some of the men in the street and shot them. Henry Otten was only wounded and lived to talk about it after the war was over.

Dedrick Henry Otten married Mary Reed. They had nine children, six girls and three boys. Ursalia Otten was born in 1873 and died 1873. Sue and Lou, twins, died of scarlet fever in 1890. Molly died age 20, 1880. Rachel Otten married August Kurts. They had three children; Clara, Ida Mae, and Ervin. She was born 1860 died 1944.

Cordelia Otten married Henry Kurts. They had three daughters; Nora, Rachel, Rebecca. She was born 1863 died 1947.

James Otten married Lillie Bowman. They had two sons; Marion and William. Marion married Francis Thorpe. They had one daughter, Laura Kathryn. Marion was a dentist in Versailles for 40 years. He was born 1895 died 1965. William married Mildred Hanley and had one daughter, Ruth Ellen. William had a grocery store for several years then sold out and moved to Salsbury, Mo. He was born 1896 and died 1962. Elmer "Pete" Otten was born 1875 died 1963. He married Josephine Knipp. They had three sons. Henry and Robert had no children. Roy Otten married Frances Barnes and had one daughter, Linda Ann. Roy was owner and publisher of The Leader-Statesman for many years.

Charles Henry Otten, my grandfather was born 1856 and died 1939. He married Clara Goodman. They had seven children; August, Nathan, John, Ervin, Hannah, Lillie and Ledia who were twins. Lidia died as a small baby. August Otten married Lou Nolting of Stover. They had four childred; Charley, Fred, Maude, Lena. They left Morgan County sixty years ago. Nathan Otten left Versailles as a young boy and worked forty years for the Railroad out of Oklahoma. Ervin Otten married Ruth Silvey. They left Versailles fifty years ago. While living here they had three children: Silvester, Tessa and William. Hannah Otten married Murph Marriott. They had five children: Horace, Lucille, Emmett, John and Francis. Lillie Otten married Jack Connor. They had eleven children: Vincent, Charles, Arnold, Kathryn, Cecil, Wilma, Mary, Martha, Bob, Inas, Leta Faye.

John Dedrick Otten, my father, was born in Versailles in 1883 and died in 1969. He married Martha "Toney" Farris, daughter of Toll and Georgia Farris. He was a farmer and road worker before moving to town. He drove a taxi for several years. He served four years as Deputy Sheriff to Fred Zwanzig. He was elected Sheriff from 1928 to 1932. The last thirty years he lived in Kansas City working as cook for Kansas City Club and Manuel High School.

There were three children. Frank Winford married Vera Hinkin. They had three children: Betty, Lois and Dan. He worked for Armco Steel for 39 years. He was born May 1911 and died 1974. Wilma Otten married Newell Waisner. They have five children: Glenda, Mike, Kenny, David and Phillip. Berniece "Tiny" Otten married Jesse Nobles, son of James and Ollie Nobles. They have one daughter, Martha. She married Robert Jenkins and they have four children; Robert, Lynn, Gayle and Jesse. Robert and his wife Sue have twins, Adam and Andrew, who are seventh generation twins in the Otten family. *Jewell Berniece Otten Nobles*

## JOHN DEDRICK OTTEN

Mary Ann Otten, mother of J.M. Otten

John Dedrick Otten and his wife, Marion Elizabeth Reed Otten, were among the early residents of the Florence, Missouri community. Mrs. Otten, known as "Mary Ann" was born June 11, 1836 and died Dec. 2, 1903 at or near Versailles.

According to family history Dedrick was shot by "bushwhackers" at his farm near Florence following the Civil War and died of his injuries some years later.

Children of the couple were: Charles H. Otten, born September 16, 1856; Susan C., born July 30, 1858; Cordelia A., born Jan. 11, 1863; James M., born Aug. 28, 1865; Lydia A., born Jan. 5, 1868; Mollie L., born Aug. 6, 1870; Usurlia M., born Jan. 28, 1873; Elmer Peter, born September 12, 1875. After her husband's death Mrs. Mary Ann Otten moved to Versailles where she spent the remainder of her life. Susan Cathrine "Sue" died at the age of 21, Jan. 1, 1880. Lydia "Lou" died at 22 years of age. Reportedly the girls died of scarlet fever, a week or so before one was to have been married. She is buried at Prairie Veiw church about 7 miles north of Versailles. Sons of James M. Otten were Dr. Marion S. Otten and William Otten, Sons of Elmer P. Otten were Henry, Roy, and Robert who were reared and made their home in Versailles for many years. *Jewell Berniece Otten Nobles*

## DR. M.S. OTTEN

Marion Samuel Otten, son of James Marion and Lillie Bowman Otten, was born in the Prairie View Community of Morgan County on March 22, 1895. He had a younger brother, William McKinley Otten. Both of the Otten boys attended the Versailles schools and graduated from the Versailles High School.

Dr. M.S. Otten

After graduation from high school, in 1913, Marion was employed in the office of the W.S. Dickey clay plant until he decided to become a dentist. Dr. Otten attended the Kansas City Dental College and graduated in May 1918.

On May 29, 1918 Dr. Otten married Frances Ellen Thorpe, daughter of F.C. and Anna Thorpe.

Initially Dr. Otten practiced dentistry in an office in the Odd Fellows Building until he was called to active duty in the Army Dental Corps. in August 1918.

During his Army service, Dr. Otten was stationed at Camp Pike, Arkansas (near Little Rock). Mrs. Otten accompanied him to Arkansas and lived in Little Rock. Dr. Otten was discharged from the service in December 1918.

After his return from the service Dr. Otten initially set up his dental office in the Hardy Building that was on the northwest corner of the square. Dr. and Mrs. Otten's home was an apartment in the Building.

On June 1, 1920 a daughter, Laura Kathryn, was born. Shortly thereafter Dr. and Mrs. Otten purchased the Decker house at 405 N. Monroe. Mrs. Otten still resides there today.

The Hardy Building was destroyed by fire in 1923. All of Dr. Otten's dental equipment was lost in the fire. After a short stay in temporary offices, Dr. Otten again set up practice on the northwest corner of the square in the new Mason Building. Dr. Otten maintained his office in the Mason Building until 1941 when he moved to the south side ground floor of the Thorpe Building. He practiced there until his death on May 19, 1965.

Dr. and Mrs. Otten's daughter, Laura Kathryn, now Mrs. H.B. Hart, Jr., lives in Arlington Heights, Illinois. The Otten's have three grandchildren; Judy Joanne, wife of Judge John C. Brackman of New Haven, Missouri; Frances Kathryn, now Mrs. J.E. Minnich, of Perrysburg, Ohio; and James Marion Searcy of Des Plaines, Illinois. There are three great-grandchildren; Teresa Hayes, Daniel Brackman and Rebecca Brackman.

Dr. Otten practiced dentistry in Versailles for more than 46 years. He was a Mason, a staunch Democrat, a charter member of the American Legion and the Lions Club, and a member of the Missouri Dental Association. He also served on the Versailles School Board for many years.

Several generations of Dr. Otten's patients will undoubtedly remember two things, among many others, about the Doctor: 1) as children, Dr. Otten would pull their first tooth, charge their parents, 25¢, and then give the money to the child; 2) the plaque that was always on his office wall that read "A friend is not a feller who is taken in by sham, a friend is one who knows your faults and doesn't give a damn." *Frances E. Otten*

## ROY E. OTTEN

A newspaper publisher and active community leader from the 1930's until his retirement in 1961, Roy E. Otten began his career in 1925 with employment at the Versailles Leader, a weekly newspaper, whose owners were John and Maurine Earp. Learning the newspaper business from the "ground up" he later became editor when Mr. Earp was appointed postmaster. Roy left the newspaper field briefly to accept a position with the Unemployment Security Division of Missouri in Jefferson City. In 1945 he and his wife, Frances, purchased the Versailles Leader and in 1948 bought the Versailles Statesman, consolidating the two publications.

Roy E. Otten-Publisher and Editor of Versailles Leader-Statesman

Mary Frances (Barnes) Otten-Co -Publisher of Versailles Leader-Statesman

He served as mayor of Versailles for eight years from 1941 to 1949, and was a member of the Board of Aldermen for a number of years. He also was president of the Chamber of Commerce; the Parent-Teacher Association, and was a Trustee of the United Methodist Church.

He early recognized a need for a nursing home in the community and, together with D.K. Hunter, Moss McDonald and

others, worked to lay the ground-work for a Nursing Home District, which, when presented to the voters, passed with an overwhelming majority, resulting in the construction of the modern Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles.

His personal column "Wise and Otherwise" which he wrote for many years, was often quoted by metropolitan papers. He is remembered for his excellent workmanship, wit, and humor, and one who had a gift for making and holding friends. Because of failing health, the newspaper was sold in 1961 to Wallace Vernon of Eldon. After retirement Mr. Otten continued his interest in community affairs until his death, May 14, 1970.

On March 2, 1971, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Versailles voted unamiously to establish Ordinance No. 877 to name the new airport west of Versailles "The Roy E. Otten Memorial Airport" in recognition of his years of service to the community. Following his retirement from the newspaper business, he was the guest of honor at a Chamber of Commerce dinner where expressions of appreciation for his contribution to the betterment of Versailles were voiced by officials.

Mr. Otten was appointed an honorary colonel on the staff of Governor James T. Blair during his term of office.

He was born June 8, 1907 to Josephine Kipp Otten and Elmer P. Otten in Versailles, Missouri. He was married August 10, 1930 to Mary Frances Otten, daughter of Mary Emma Adair Barnes and James Ellis Barnes. The couple were the parents of one daughter, Lynda Anne, who married Arthur Sherman Heimburger, Dec. 26, 1955, and who are the parents of three children, James Barton, David Keith, and Frances Diane Heimburger. The Heimburger family reside in Nashville, Indiana.

Mrs. Otten assisted in publishing the Leader-Statesman in writing the social and local news for many years. She served as president of the Women's Civic Club, the Philathea class of the Methodist Church, and as Church secretary.

A favorite quotation on the masthead of Roy's newspaper column for many years was "I expect to pass through this life but once. If, therefore, there is any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

## DAVID A. OWSLEY

David A. Owsley, son of Robert and Nancy (Miller) Owsley was born in Morgan County in 1844. David married three times (1) to Jemima A. Brall, (2) to Rebecca Tipton and (3) to Sarah C. (Finley) Baughman. His children were: John, James, Annie J. who married Joseph T. Decker, Orval, Josie, Mary and David Quillie. John married Madora "Dorie" Baugman. Josie married a White and lived in Oklahoma. David Quillie married Lee Ware and their daughter Martha died at an early age. David A. Owsley had three stepchildren, Rachel (or Rebecca) (Mrs. Joseph Milton Ousley), Madora (Mrs. John Owsley) and Will. David A. died about 1916 and Sarah C. Owsley died in 1936. David Quillie lives at Fordland, Missouri and helped supply the information for this history. *by: Gary L. Ousley*

## ELIAS H. OWSLEY

Elias H. Owsley, son of Robert and Nancy (Miller) Owsley, was born in Morgan County, Missouri in 1846. He was raised on the family farm southwest of Syracuse and married Delila, daughter of Joshua Anderson, on 4 February 1866. They had four children: Margaret, Lucinda J., another daughter and Joshua. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## ELIJAH BENTON OUSLEY

Elijah Benton Ousley was born 2 January 1836 in Iowa. He came to Morgan County, Missouri with his parents, Robert and Nancy (Miller) Ousley in 1837. He grew up on his father's farm. He and his wife, Joan Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Joseph Williams, a former Morgan County Sheriff, were members of the Mt. Olive Baptist church having been received by letter. In December 1878 he was elected church sexton and later served the church as clerk pro tem, committee member, association delegate and moderator pro tem. Their home was near the church. One of the houses in which they lived burned. The neighbors pitched in and helped construct another one for the family.

In 1914 Elijah and Elizabeth made a trip to Haileyville, Oklahoma to visit their son, John William Ousley. Elijah became ill and after awhile Elizabeth returned to Missouri. He continued to decline and died 3 March 1914. He is buried in a cemetery at Hartshorne, Okla. Elizabeth died at her son, Joseph Milton's home 3 August 1916. She is buried in the Longview cemetery in Jefferson City.

The children of Elijah and Elizabeth were: Rachel Minerva, John William, James Burton, Martin Eli (Thomas) and Joseph Milton.

James Burton was accidentally killed in Syracuse on a Christmas Eve(year not known for sure). His wife, Rena L. (Hodges), sister of Martin Eli's wife, Lula (Hodges), later remarried a Mr. Talbot.

## EMANUEL M. OWSLEY

Emanuel M. Owsley or "Em" as he was called was born 9 October 1826 in Tennessee. He lived for a time in Putnam County, Indiana with his parents, Robert and Nancy (Miller) Owsley but came to Morgan County, Missouri when he was 11 years old. He married Sarah Cox and they lived in Osage and Putnam Counties before moving to Hickory County about 1867 where they farmed about 2½ miles east of Cross Timbers. Their children were; James I., William Burton, Robert Rainey, Rueben, Nancy Elizabeth, LeConsul, Sarah F., Elijah B., John W., Martha A., Mary Susan, George A. and Emma E. (twins).

Robert Rainey's two sons, David Ray and Elihu "Hugh" Owsley still reside in Missouri, David Ray (b. 12 Nov. 1887) lives in Springfield. Hugh Owsley (b. 24 June 1889) lives in Preston, Mo. with his son, Hoyt and is quite active.

Em died 20 March 1892 and Sarah (Cox) died 27 August 1876. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## HENRY OWSLEY

Henry Owsley was born in Tennessee in 1818 and came to Morgan County with his family, Robert and Nancy Owsley in 1837. He lived on the farm near Syracuse. He married Sarah Evaline Bruce, daughter of Barnett and Lucy (Lampton) Bruce, 24 March 1840 in Morgan County.

Their children were: Ambrose Azerine, Nancy Ann, Thornton Weston, Mary Ellen, Henry, Seamen Alceny, Joseph (died at age 2½), Breckenridge (also died young), and Lillie Jane.

Thornton Weston Owsley went with his family to the Oregon Territory in 1861. He worked in the mines at Florence, Idaho and worked with a pack train carrying supplies to remote areas. He took part in the Nez Perce Indian Wars as a scout. He operated cattle and horse ranches near Pomeroy, Wash. until his retirement in 1899. He married Harriet Eliza Stimpson and their children were: Bertram Fermoy, Bessie Belle, Sydney Lee, Georgia Nell, Clara Vere, John Bruce, Evelyn Faye, Kathleen, Talton Wade and Doris Floy. Sydney Lee Owsley married Erle Sanford Williams. Their son Keith Sydney Williams is living in Oxnard, Calif. (He supplied the information for this history). He married Elizabeth Donly Elliott and has a son, Douglas Elliott Williams. Douglas and his wife, Helen Grayston have four children, Gregory Donald, Catherine Anne, Melody Victoria and Ian Charles. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## JOHN WILLIAM OUSLEY

John William Ousley, son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Williams) Ousley was born 26 December 1864. He was raised near Syracuse and married Mollie Belle O'Bryan, daughter of Turner D. and Louise (Cravens) O'Bryan, 13 September 1891.

Their children were: Neva Ozelle, Lon Oliver "Lue", Dulsie (died young), Dewey Lee and Elsie Elizabeth.

John William followed the railroad trade and lived in Haileyville, Okla. for a number of years. Mollie died in Oklahoma City 25 July 1938. John died there 2 September 1950. They are buried in the Sunnylane cemetery.

Neva Ozelle married Frank Husted 24 April 1910. Their son Delbert lives in Oklahoma. Both Neva and Frank are deceased.

Lon Oliver married Mary B. Draffen 1 July 1919. Their children are: Luevelle, Letha Belle, Mary Audelle, Lon, Elsie Junelle. Lon, Sr. is deceased and buried near Sulphur, Okla. Mary lives in Paducah, Kentucky.

Dewey Lee Ousley was born in Talihina, Okla. 17 April 1898. He worked for a time with his father on the railroad. He met and married Zonie Green 22 November 1919. They lived in various places in Oklahoma and were living in Burkburnett, Texas when they adopted Gary Lee Ousley at Oklahoma City. They returned to Oklahoma where Gary grew up in and around Randlett and married Edna Horn 9 October 1953. Their children are: Alan Ramon (died in infancy), Pamela Darlene, Barry Jon. Gary and Edna live in Oklahoma City where he is a geologist. Pam lives in Ponca City, Okla.

Dewey died in the VA hospital in Okla. City 22 January 1962. Their daughter, Ozelle Agnes died at the age of five. Zonie lives in Randlett, Okla.

Elsie Elizabeth was born 4 April 1904. She married Floyd Howell 1 April 1923. They also adopted a child, Liddie Belle, in 1930 at Oklahoma City. Liddie married Jesse Warren Morris. Their children are: Linda Carol, Donna Marie, Joseph Warren, Barbara Elaine, Paula June and Jesse David.

Elsie died 4 July 1960 in Oklahoma City. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## JOSEPH MILTON OUSLEY

Joseph Milton Ousley (he was known as "Mitt") was born in 1872 in Morgan County. He married Rebecca Baughman and they moved to Jefferson City where he worked in the railroad roundhouse. Their children were: Walter, Alpha, Henry Lee, Lige, Laura Bell, Dora, Clarence and Minnie.

Walter and his wife Clara Lammerf had Harold C., George, Myrtle Mae, Carl, and Walter, Jr. Alpha and Jack Holliday's children were: Francis, Virginia, Leslie, William, Herbert, Robert, Ralph, Margaret and Betty. Henry Lee and Hilda Kiesling have: Bernice, David, Margie. Lige and Ina Green have: Vernice, Nellie Ruth, Virginia and Imogene. Laura Bell married Roy Smith and their children are Leroy, Peggy, Freddi and Larry. Dora and C.E. Francis have a son, Billy Joe. Clarence and his wife have a daughter. Minnie and Will Harris have Joe, Melvin and Marvin (twins) and Dorothy. Their daughter Francis died at age 15.

Joseph Milton Ousley died in January or February 1924 at Jefferson City, Missouri. He is buried beside his mother, Elizabeth (wife of Elijah Benton Ousley) in the Longview cemetery in Jefferson City. Many of his family members still reside in that area. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## MARTIN ELI (THOMAS) OUSLEY

Martin Eli Ousley (usually known as Thomas) was born on the farm near Versailles, Missouri 1 April 1870. He farmed for awhile before moving to Jefferson City where he became a watchmaker. He married Lula Hodges (sister of Mrs. James Burton Ousley) 5 August 1892. Children of this marriage were: Dorothy Lee, Clyde Elwood, Joseph Gaines, Eloyce Arveta and Alma Ellen.

Dorothy married Homer G. Jones and they had a daughter Dorothy Lee who died at age 5. They lived at Lake Tapawingo for many years. Both are now deceased.

Clyde Elwood married twice. He and his first wife's children were: Nadine, Joe and Ralph. He later married Lillian Anderson and the children are: Judy, Neta, Carl, Ella Mae and Loretta. Clyde died in 1964.

Joseph married Kenova Salmons and their son is Thomas Franklin Ousley. Joseph died in 1958.

Eloyce married first Henry Kronk. Their daughter, Dorothy Mae married Alfred Secrest and their children are: Alfred, Lois, Dennis and Sherrie. Eloyce married second to Alfred McKeel. He died in Oklahoma City in 1960 and she now lives in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Alma married Roy Kaiser. They had three children, Barbara Lou, Mata Gail, and Sharon Lee. Roy is deceased and Alma resides in Jefferson City.

Thomas died 21 August 1958. His wife Lula died 17 December 1956. They are buried in Riverview cemetery in Jefferson City. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## MARTIN MILLER VAN OUSLEY

Martin Miller Van Ousley, son of Robert and Nancy (Miller) was born in Putnam County, Indiana in 1832. His name is believed to be after some of his mother's relatives. He came to Morgan County, Missouri with his parents when he was 5 years old. He grew up on the family farm near Syracuse and later enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Civil War at St. Louis on 30 January 1864 and served with Company I 10th Missouri Cavalry Volunteers. He was discharged 31 July 1865.

Martin married first, Martha A. Sinclair (or Hatcher), second to Nancy Greenstreet and thirdly Catharina (Kurtz or Certs) Cramer.

Martin's children were: Hanna E., James, George W. and John J. He died 20 May 1899.*Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## ROBERT OUSLEY

Robert Ousley was born in the Cumberland Gap area of Tennessee in 1802. He grew up there and married Nancy Elizabeth Miller (b. Tenn. 1803). Their sons, Henry (b. Tenn. 1818) and Emanuel M. (b. Tenn. 1826) were born in that area. Sometime after Emanuel was born their trek began which would eventually bring them to Morgan County. They crossed Kentucky and lived for awhile in Putnam County, Indiana, where their two sons, Martin Miller Van Ousley (b. 1832) and William Ousley (b. 1834) were born. They were living near Nancy's relatives, the Martin Miller's.

They were caught up in the great westward movement for their next child, Elijah Benton Ousley was born in Iowa on 2 Jan. 1836. The lure of good farm land enticed them to Morgan County, Missouri where Robert brought his growing family in 1837 in a covered wagon with some cows tied to it. He purchased 120 acres of land in 1837 southwest of Syracuse (SE NE Sec. 19, T45, R18; SE NW Sec. 20, T45, R18; SE SW Sec. 20, T45, R18). In 1854-55 they bought another 40 acres (NW NW Sec. 20, T45, R18). the land was farmed by Robert and his family until his death about 1859. Later the land was divided 10 ways between Nancy and the surviving 9 children at that time. Deeds show that the land was later bought at least in part by Ephraim A. White. There was a large log house on one of the plots which later burned.

(There is a consistent story handed down from the early descendants that Nancy spoke German and very little English. This might be the reason the name "Ousley" has been spelled several ways with four different spellings in the census reports. The brothers apparently split on their ideas of the spelling since some used "Ousley" and some "Owsley" within the same family. The spelling variation carries on today.)

Nancy Ousley was living with her son,
Emanuel Owsley at the time of her death 1 June 1887. She is buried in a family cemetery northeast of Cross Timbers, Missouri.

The known children of Robert and Nancy were: Henry, Emanuel M., Martin Miller Van Ousley, William, Elijah Benton Ousley, David A., Elias H. (Each of them will be covered in separate histories). There were reportedly two daughters, Lucy and Matilda but research has not proven for sure that they were the children of Robert and Nancy. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## WILLIAM OUSLEY

William "Little Bill" Ousley, son of Robert and Nancy (Miller) Ousley, was born in Putnam County, Indiana in 1834 and came to Morgan County, Missouri with his parents in 1837. He was raised on the farm southwest of Syracuse and married Mary Ann Crider. Their children were: Martha, Manerva J., Henry Andrew, James Walton Ousley, William Lafayette and Roxy A.

Henry Andrew Ousley married Mary E. Hollaway in 1876. Their children were: Mary T. (Mrs. Phines Renfro) and William Andrew. William Andrew Ousley married Louisa Leimkeller, daughter of Casper L. and Lena (Pointer) Leimkeller. Their children were: Virgil I., Nellie Ruth, Paule Revere Ousley and Nicholas Edwin. Virgil married Bernadine McClennen and their children were: Russell, Bernard and James.

James Walton Ousley married Sarah Jane Crable. Their children were: Augusta, Henry Virgil, Leona (Mrs. Louis Armentrout), Gurtha (Mrs. Matthew Zimmer), Harrison and Ellen. Augusta reportedly married a Shockley. Henry Virgil Ousley married Belle Wallace and their children were: Virginia Adella, Eugene Berger, Shirley, Margaret, Robert Leo. Harrison Ousley married Ida Evelyn Lloyd.

Roxy A. Ousley died at the age of 5 in 1866.

William "Little Bill" Ousley served in the Civil War and died of small pox at the post hospital in Vicksburg, Miss. 6 April 1864. *Submitted by: Gary L. Ousley*

## GEORGE WILLIAM PACE

George William Pace came to America from Gloucestershire, England in 1865 at age 18 years. He was the oldest of eight children of George and Mariah Pace. George and his brother, Lemuel, were the only known members of the family to come to America.

George W. Pace and wife Rachel

George came first to Pennsylvania, then to Missouri, in 1869, settling in Morgan County where he purchased a tract of land in the Mill Creek area near Bond School. Lemuel remained in Pennsylvania and was believed lost in the Johnstown flood (1889), since his family was unable to contact him after that time.

On May 8, 1871, George was married to Rachel M. Buckley, daughter of William and Lucretia Proctor Buckley. The Buckleys lived in Virginia and later in Ohio before coming to Morgan County, Missouri. They were the parents of eight children. A son, William Buckley, was killed during the Civil War while serving with the Union Army. Members of the Buckley family are buried in the Buckley cemetery near Laurie, Missouri.

George was a farmer, and was also engaged in mining in Morgan County and in Colorado. George and Rachel Pace are buried in the Silvey cemetery south of Gravois Mills near the farm where they spent their entire married life.

They were the parents of eight children: Alice Adeline, Fannie Mariah, George Lemuel, Joseph William, Elizabeth, Anna Jane, Liza Ellen, and Fred, who died in infancy.

Alice Adeline married Wesley Allen on April 15, 1888. They were the parents of seven children: George, Della, Josephine, Claude, and John. A daughter and a son died in infancy. Alice and Wesley resided on a farm in Morgan County, later moving to Eldon, Missouri where they lived until their death.

Fannie Mariah married Nathan O. Farris on December 27, 1891. They had two children, Thomas and Lester (Mrs. Thomas Hibdon). They owned a farm in the Soap Creek area. A resort is now on the site.

George Lemuel married Lula Finley on March 18, 1900. They lived in Morgan County for a time, later moving to Eldon, Missouri. They had four children: Glen, Gertrude, Leslie and Edward. Gertrude was drowned at the age of ten years when she fell from a "footlog" crossing Soap Creek as she was coming home from school.

Elizabeth married Harley Offineer on July 8, 1899. They were the parents of four children: Gussie, Wray, Elwood, and Harley, Jr. Harley, Sr. worked as a carpenter while living in Morgan County. The family later made their home in Hominy, Oklahoma.

Liza Ellen married Claud Stevens. They had eleven children: Vival (Mrs. Lee Scott), Calvin, Harley, Woodrow, Sidney, Arthur, Oliver, Goldie, and Rachel. Two other children died in infancy.

Anna Jane married Harry Sousley. They were the parents of ten children: William, Clyde, Moss, Lemuel, Rachel, Goldie, Marie, Leroy, Joseph, and Robert. They lived in Morgan County during the early years of their marriage, but spent the greater part of their married life in Kansas City, Missouri.

On March 14, 1896, at Gladstone, Missouri, Joseph William married Rotha Houser, daughter of Warner and Elizabeth Anderson Houser. William was a stockman and farmer, and Rotha taught in the rural schools of Morgan County for a number of years following their marriage. They owned and operated several farms in Morgan County. They had lived near Gladstone, Missouri for a number of years prior to the building of Bagnell Dam, when they purchased the old Hachler farm in the Mill Creek bottom.

Their four children are: Lois, Joseph, Brooks, and Fred. Lois married Vencil Chipley. Their children are: John (Boonville, Missouri), and Shirley Beth (Mrs. Robert Hibdon, Independence, Missouri).

Joseph married Leta Allen. Their children are: Joe T. (Versailles), Bob (Fortuna), Carl, Nina, and Kenneth (Gravois Mills).

Brooks lives and works in Jefferson City. Fred married Agnes Friedly. Their children are: Mary (St. Louis, Mo.), Jean (Jefferson City), Bill (Tipton), and John (Kingsport, Tennessee).

Joseph William and Rotha Pace spent their retirement years on a small acreage near Versailles. *Submitted by Brooks Pace, granddaughter of George William Pace.*

## ADELINE MARIE BRAUER PAGE

Diedrick Bremer was born in Germany on January 8, 1817 and died February 4, 1900. He is buried in the Union Cemetery at Florence, Mo. His first wife was Katherine Lemler and their two sons, John (1841) and Louis (1843), were born in Louisiana. Just when they came to Morgan County we do not know but it was sometime before the Civil War as Louis disappeared during the Civil War on his way to Syracuse.

Diedrick married Aulalia Catherine Siegel on August 15, 1848. They had seven children, Louis Ludwig, Pete, Louisa, Diedrick, Henry, Herman and August.

Louisa married John Heinrick Henry Brauer on November 13, 1874. To this union was born ten children: Freddie, John

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Page — Wedding picture

Diedrich, Anna Catherine, Louis Herman, Adeline Marie, Clara Augusta, Christian Heinrich, Sena Louise, Aubrey William and Helen Alalia.

The Henry Brauer Family

John married Frankie Mitchell and lived in Colorado. Anna married Charles Faulwell and farmed in Morgan County. Louis married Martha Cline and farmed near Syracuse. Clara married Wilbur Eichholz, Sena married August Oehrke and Aubrey married Carolena Oehrke.

Adeline married Frank Page on October 24, 1906. They had nine children. (Refer to Frank B. Page's record). Their fifth child, George Henry, was named George from his grandfather Page and Henry from his grandfather Brauer. All his life he has been called both names.

Chris married Alma Casdorph and they lived on the home place northwest of Florence. Chris served in France during World War I. They had one child who died in infancy.

Helen married Edwin Bremer and lived in the Florence area. They had seven children. *Mrs. George H. Page*

## FRANK BLUNT PAGE

Frank Blunt Page was born January 27, 1885 near Otterville, Mo. to George Cracklow Page and Susan Elizabeth Mayfield. He was one of eight children. He received his early education at Stony Point School and attended Otterville College. He taught school at Bluhm and Black Jack. He farmed for awhile and then was in the mercantile business at Otterville with his brother, Ira, for one year. He returned to the farm located northwest of Florence where he lived and farmed for the rest of his life. While on the farm he traded horses, mules and livestock, also shipping livestock to St. Louis. He worked on the county farm program for several years.

*Front row:* Frank B. Page, Lauvera, Velma, Louise, Claude and Adaline Page. *Second row:* George Henry and Susie.

On October 24, 1906 he married Adeline Marie Brauer. They had nine children: Lauvera, Louise, Velma, Susie, George, Claude, Kathryn, Frank, Jr. and Nevelle.

*1st row:* George Henry Page, Mrs. Martin (Nevelle) Doogs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Page, Mrs. Stanley Page, Susie Page. *2nd row:* Mrs. Carl (Velma) Dittmer, Mrs. James (Lauvera) Hagan, Frank Page Jr., Mrs. Louis (Louise) Mertgen, Claude E. Page and Mrs. William (Katheryn) Sudduth.

Lauvera is Mrs. James Hagan and lives in Kansas City, Mo. where she is a registered nurse. There were no children.

Louise married Louis Mertgen and engaged in farming north of Florence. Their daughters are Beverly, Betty, and Mary. Beverly married Harold Hardy. Daughters were: Brenda — Mrs. Speed Branch, son Chad, Ruby, Betty (Mrs. David Avey) and Tabetha. Harold (Slim) Hardy resides at Versailles where he has his own T.V. shop and works with the county ambulance service. Betty married Robert Woodall, Jr.

Sons were: Jeffery, Randal, and Robert. Mary married Charles Goode. Daughters were: Karen, Connie, and Charla.

Velma and her husband, Carl Dittmer, had a dairy farm northwest of Florence. Son, David, now operates it with his wife, Linda Busker, and daughter, Amy. Velma's son, Richard, lives on the farm east of David's. Richard works for Phillips Pipeline and is married to Irene Rehmer. Children: Kevin and Angela.

Susie taught Prairie Dale and Black Jack schools in Morgan County and her husband, Stanley Rages, operated a farm northwest of Florence. Her son, Robert, now carries on the operation with them. He married Joann Leiter and they have three sons, Nathan, Mark, and Brian.

George married Esther Rathert. Children: Carolyn, Virginia, Hal, Kenneth, Paula, and Twila. George lived and farmed northwest of Florence, taught school at Black Jack, Stover, and Florence in Morgan County, and served in World War II. Carolyn married Jerry Penick. Children: Chris, David, Amy, and Stephen. Virginia married Dennis Dirck. Children: Joey and Denise. Hal married Jane Schmittidiel and lives near his parents. Kenneth is married to Kathy Smith and with daughter, Heather, live on and own his grandfather Frank Page's farm. Kenneth is the third generation to own this place as his father George Henry did before him. Paula married Wayne Myers and lives in Syracuse.

Claude married Evelyn Wagerknecht, Children: Gene, Sherry Faye, and Kathy. Gene lives on the farm that his father owns and farms in northwest Morgan County. Gene is married to Judith Marske. They have three children, Eric, Holly and Andy. Kathy is Mrs. James Burnett. Sherry lived 18 months and died of meningitis.

Kathryn married William Sudduth. Daughter, Alice, married Russell Rayl and daughter Janet married Robert Smith. They and their daughter Stacey live in Morgan county.

Frank Junior farms and resides in northwest Morgan county. He married Elsie Wilckens and they have one son, Frank Dan, who is married to Linda Frazee.

Nevelle married Martin Doogs. Children: Nancy, Frank, Linda, Mary, and James. Nancy is Mrs. Kenneth Simmons and has three children, Ronald, John, and Jeanna. Frank married Carol DeLuce and they have two sons, Michael and Martin. Linda is Mrs. Roger Hesse. Son; Thomas.

Four grandsons — Gene, Hal, Kenneth, and Frank Dan and two great-grandsons — Eric and Andy carry on the Page name.

Frank Page taught Black Jack School for one year, George three years, and Susie four years.

Frank B. Page made molasses for neighborhood.

## GEORGE CRACKLOW PAGE

George Cracklow Page

Edward Postilate Page first generation. George Cracklow Page was born February 2, 1845 and died November 26, 1909. He married Susan Elizabeth Mayfield who was born April 19, 1850 by the Rev. Salloway, a Methodist minister on September 16, 1877. Susan died July 3, 1925. They had eight children. Charles Thomas who married Ida Katharina Dohrmann. John Edwin who married Ariadna Page. George Freidrick who married Henrietta S. Borne. Cassa Gertrude who only lived twenty years. Frank Blunt who married Adeline Marie Brauer. (Refer to Frank B. Page record). Myrtle Elizabeth who married Edward Muller. Robert Roy who died when he was nearly two. Ira Mayfield who married Etta Holman. *Mrs. George H. Page*

## THOMAS JEFFERSON PADGETT

Thomas Jefferson Padgett, born 1856 in North Carolina, moved with his parents, William Henry and Pamelia Pringle, to Morgan County in 1872. He was a blacksmith and a well driller in Versailles having a shop where the Chevrolet garage is on North Fisher Street. He married Susan Alice Merriott. Her parents were Leonard Merriott and Estella Campbell. They had two children: Rosalie, born February 13, 1880 and Robert Adell, born December 8, 1884.

John M. and Rosalie Bolton

Rosalie married John Martin Bolton January 1, 1903. They lived their entire married life in Morgan County. Mr. Bolton was employed as a cigar maker and later as a lineman and electrician for the Moser Electric Company which later became the Missouri Utilities Company. At the age of seventy-five in 1940 Mr. Bolton died, he had been actively employed to that date.

Rosalie and John had no children of their own but raised two children, Vincil Webster Padgett, son of J.W. Padgett and Roy Eugene who was adopted by them at age three. (Refer to Padgett — Hulett History of Roy's family.) Vincil never married. He was a bookkeeper and clerk in businesses in Jefferson City and died there in 1971.

Rosalie after years of active community life now resides at the Good Shepard Nursing Home in Versailles. She will be 99 years old February 13, 1979.

Robert Adell known as "Dell" married Anna Ethel Kidwell, they had two daughters, Louise and Lucille. They left Versailles to locate in Shenadoah, Iowa to operate the Colo-

nial Hatcheries. Dell died in 1946, Anna died in 1957, and Lucille Patterson died in 1960. Louise is married to Harry Olson and resides in Branson, Missouri. *This history was written by Helen Hulett Bolton*

## WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON PADGETT

William Henry Harrison Padgett was born in Stokes County, North Carolina in 1917, son of William and Rachel (Banks) Padgett of Maryland. They lived on Peter's Creek near the Virginia line and he married Permelia Pringle Oct. 8, 1842. She was the daughter of Allen and Nancy Pringle.

He and his two oldest sons were in the Confederate Army and the youngest, William, was wounded. Permelia went to the camp to nurse her husband and son, leaving the children with the grandparents to watch them. Carpet baggers ruined everything they had and they joined a wagon train to Missouri in 1869. They went on river boats up the Chesepeake Bay, rivers as far as possible and then by land.

He settled in the Oak Grove community and he and his wife are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery. There were eleven children, three died in North Carolina, Frank at two months, John H. and Rachel of diphtheria in 1862. The others came to Morgan County and lived there most of their lives.

Pleasant, born 1843, married Mary Shelton.
William, born 1845, married Mary Staples.
James (Matt), born 1850, married Charlotte B. Snyder.
Sarah E., born 1852, married John W. Thomas.
Thomas J., born 1856, married Susan Alice Merriott.
Martha F., born 1858, married John Hulett.

Permelia (Pringle) Padgett
1818-1887

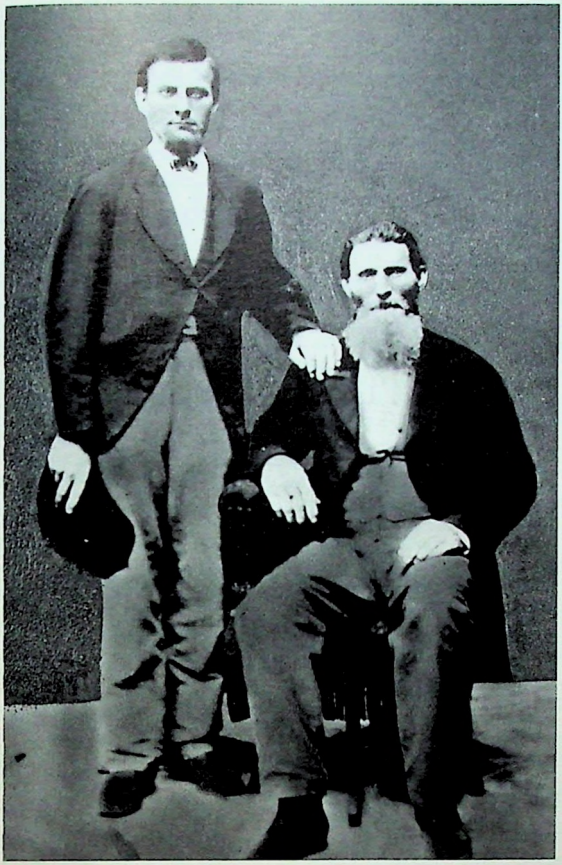
William Henry H. Padgett
1817-1897

George, born 1860, married Laura Marriott and then Mary Bradshaw.
Mary Jane, born 1863, married Harve Merriott.

## JOHN PALMER

John Palmer (b. 1817 Henry Co. Ky. — d. Dec. 26, 1876 — Lowes, Graves Co. Ky.) was the son of Richard Palmer, who died in Indiana in 1847. John's eight children are: William S.,

*Front, L to R:* Pleasant, William, Matt, Sarah E.; *2nd. row:* Thomas, Martha, George, Jane.



John Palmer and daughter Lucien Mary

Gold (Goliah) Palmer, loyal slave of John Palmer

Thomas Edwin, John Anderson, Lucian Mary, Eliza, James T., Walker Linn and Brice. John first purchased land in Morgan County in 1844 between Florence and Syracuse in sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32 in Township 45, and they gradually acquired almost 1000 acres, farming it for at least 23 years with their most loyal slave, Gold (Goliah) Palmer.

John Palmer had married Elizabeth M. Stahley in Warren Co., Ky. April 30, 1839, and with their eldest son William (b. 1842 Logan Co., Ky.) emigrated to Morgan Co., Mo. probably in 1844 where William Shepherd Stahley (Elizabeth's half-brother) had acquired land in 1841 (also Township 45). William Stahley died in Morgan Co. a single man in 1853. Elizabeth's brothers John and Solomon Stahley, also worked land in the same township.

John Palmer married Malvina Belle Thornton about 1865, a fourth generation descendant of Mathew Thornton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Elizabeth Palmer's sister, Sarah Ann Stahley, married James Henry Smith in Kentucky, the latter were the grandparents of Alben W. Barkley (Vice-president of the U.S. under Harry S. Truman.)

The Palmers continued to acquire property even up to the Civil War, but then after hostilities commenced William, Thomas and John enlisted in the Second Missouri Confederate Cavalry. Their father, John, enlisted at Des Arc, Arkansas in 1862, being discharged after about 3 months with a "Surgeons certificate of disability." William S. Palmer was in all four years, first in the Infantry, then after a crippling thigh injury, the Cavalry, ending the war as a prisoner. John Palmer's military records show he was a Sergeant.

The story has been passed down that the family home was visited by Bushwhackers seeking food, livestock and gold, the latter buried in the ground, but some was secreted in a clock. Elizabeth left the livestock out to run free rather than allow it to benefit the assailants, and they "strung her up" with Gold, their slave. Gold Palmer, realizing the inevitability of death, indicated to his mistress "tell them where the gold is and I'll work for you the rest of my life for nothing" which he did. The gold in the clock was given up, but not the bulk of it hid elsewhere in the ground.

It is said that Elizabeth later died from the effects of this near hanging. She died according to a letter in 1866 near or in Memphis, Tenn.

John Palmer no doubt grieved by Elizabeth's death and the Confederate defeat, sold his land in Morgan County to Thomas and William S. and moved in 1867 to Lowes in Graves Co., Ky. where he purchased some land, and only Lucian, James, Brice and Walker joined him (as did John's sister Phoebe Jones, presumably a war widow.) Soon William and his wife Martha Dodds Palmer of Desoto Co., Mississippi and John and wife Malvina joined John in Groves Co., Ky. Thomas Edwin stayed behind and died in 1873 unmarried.

During the war the men on active duty were said to have returned from time to time to the farm in Morgan County for food, but as the area was frequently overrun by hostile units, they had to hide in the woods waiting for food and supplies. (On occasion they would frighten away strangers by their eerie rebel yells.)

John Palmer's Tombstone in Union Cemetery at Lowes, Ky., has the following inscription.

"In life a triumph of Virtue"

"In death a triumph of Faith" *by Robert F. Palmer, M.D.*

## ELBERT CECIL PARSONS

So far as is presently known, the first Parsons to arrive in Morgan County was Leroy W. Parsons who came here from Kentucky in 1839 and settled south of Otterville. His father, Thomas Parsons came to America from London and served as an Aide-de-Camp to General Washington in the Revolutionary War. Thomas Parsons died in Kentucky in 1851 at the age of 102. Leroy W. married Sarah Wilkerson, the daughter of James G. and Elizabeth Smith-Wilkerson, a pioneer family of Cooper County. Their children were: Betty (Baughman), Andrew, Sallie, James Thomas, W.S., and Joseph.

James Thomas married Amanda DeVinna whose family were early residents of Morgan County. Her brother Ham (Hamilton) served in the Confederate Army and walked back

Elbert Cecil and Ruth (Elliott) Parsons

to Morgan County from Atlanta barefoot, after the Union confiscated his horse, shoes, and sidearm.

J.T. and Amanda acquired the Parsons farm just west of Versailles and raised their family there. They were: Earl, Maude (Cooper), John Leroy, Elbert Cecil, Milford Legeal, Joseph Hamilton, and Guido D.

Elbert Cecil married Ruth Elliott, the daughter of Henry and Agnes Daniels Elliott, another early family in the County. Ruth was for many years a teacher in the Morgan County School System and Cecil operated the family farm until his death in 1970. They had one son, Glenn A. Glenn married Bonnie Jean Toman of King County, Washington, after she was graduated from Stephens College. They have two sons, William Cecil and James Hamilton. Bill and Jamie represent the fifth generation of the Parsons family in Morgan County and the fourth generation to occupy the Parsons farm.

## LEROY WHITE PARSONS

Leroy White Parsons (1814-1858) was born in Kentucky. Came to Missouri in 1839. Parents were Thomas Parsons (1748-1851), who served under Washington in the Revolution, and Sally Tucker (b. 1772). Children were: Pauline, Patterson, Mary, Leroy White, Nancy G.

Leroy White Parsons married Sarah A.E. Wilkerson June 20, 1844. She was born 1825, daughter of James G. and Elizabeth Smith Wilkerson, early pioneers in Cooper Co. and charter members of Bowling Green, Cumberland Presbyterian Congregation organized Sept. 21, 1821, which later became Otterville United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. They made their home on Richland Creek, south of Syracuse, Mo. Their children were: Elizabeth Rebecca, Andrew Jackson, Sarah A., James T., William Shepherd, Joseph Gaines; all of whom lived their entire lives in Morgan Co.

William Shepherd Parsons (1855-1939) was married Jan. 1, 1890 to Amanda Thompson Finley (1864-1935), daughter of James Monroe and Virginia Smith Finley. James Finely came with his parents, William (1789-) and Sarah (1799-) from Tennessee, settled in Morgan Co. on what is now the Seigel farm on Flat Creek. Virginia Smith was born in Otterville, Mo. Her parents George (1810-1894) and Margaret Beard Smith (died 1847) were from Virginia.

James Finley went to the California godl fields in the 1850's, came home by way of Panama to New Orleans, where he had his gold coined. They farmed a large acreage in the Flat Creek bottom, north of Florence, Mo. (Slaves, rented from his father, did the labor.)

William Shepherd and Amanda Parsons made their home in Morgan Co., one mile from Otterville, where they lived nearly 50 years, farming and raising live stock. Their children: Jesse Holly, Emmett Lee (1892-1969, Zella May (1898-99), Nellie Frances.

Jesse Holly, born Nov. 6, 1890, received his education at Brick School in Morgan Co., Otterville College, Otterville H.S. and Warresnburg Normal School. He was a teacher for a number of years. In World War I he served with the Rainbow Division, (42nd), participating in Second Battle of the Marne, the battles of St. Mihel, and Argonne Forest. Following the Armistice he was with the Military Police, stationed in Coblenz, Remagen and Cologne along the Rhine. Discharged at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky. in May 1919.

On June 9, 1920 he married Charlotte Hudson (1896-), daughter of Robert Woodson and Abbie Drake Hudson. Their home is in North Morgan, near Otterville. Jesse served as Post Master in Otterville nearly twenty years. Following retirement he raised Angus cattle. A daughter, Mary Elizabeth was born in 1924. She attended Brick School, as did her father and is a graduate of CMSC at Warrensburg. On June 30, 1946 she was married to Cloyd E. Sanders (b. 1923), son of James Arlington and Lucy Speaker Sanders, residents of Morgan Co. During W.W. II Cloyd served with the Air Force in the Pacific.

Cloyd and Mary Elizabeth reside in Marshall, Mo. They have 2 children, Robert Edward, born 1947 and Nancy Gail, born 1959. Robert graduated from Missouri Valley College and on June 8, 1969 was married to Neta Halsey, daughter of James and Luanna Halsey, Marshall, Mo. During the Vietnam War he served in Korea. They reside in Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he is an administrator in the Excelsior Springs High School. They have 2 children, Leslie Ann, 5, and Jennifer, 2 yrs. Nancy Gail is a second year student at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg.

## GEORGE PEIPER

Mr. and Mrs. George Peiper came to America from Hanover, Germany about 1849. He was born in 1824 and died in 1896. They settled on what is known as the Ed Rasa farm in northwest Morgan County.

Their children were Dorothea, Sophia, Lena, Mathilda, and Louis. Dorothea married Martin Dierking, who was a blacksmith in the Florence area. They had one daughter, Lena, who married C.A. Witte.

Sophia married Henry Fischer of Sweet Springs, Mo. Their children were Amelia, Louis, Henry, Emma, George and Frieda.

Lena married Henry Weber of Sweet Springs, Mo. Their children were Dena, Ella, Ida and Walter.

Dena married Otto Bruns of Sweet Springs; Ella married Wm. Scholle of Sweet Springs; Ida married Andrew Renken of Cole Camp and Walter married Hulda Pinkapank also of Sweet Springs.

Mathilda never married but lived with her mother until she died.

Louis never married and lived on a farm now known as the Melvin Fischer place.

Mrs. Peiper had two brothers, Henry Mier and Louis Mier, who were both shot by Bushwhackers on their return home from the Civil War.

Many a time the children of George Peiper stood guard while their father made coffins for fear the bushwhackers would sneak up on them.

Dorothea died at an early age, so their daughter, Lena was raised by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Peiper.

Lena and C.A. Witte had three children, Walter, Dora and Raymond *Dora Witte Ehlers*

## WILLIAM HENRY PEOPLES

William Henry Peoples, b. 1823-1880, married Emily McCaney. Their children: James A. Peoples, b. Nov. 20, 1846; John C. Peoples, b. July 3, 1849; Jasper McCaney Peoples, b. Dec. 15, 1850-May 28, 1918; married first Emily Rachel Beeman, second Elizabeth Moon. Thomas J. Peoples b. May 7, 1853-Dec. 25, 1885; George M. Peoples, b. July 15, 1856-Feb. 23, 1896, married Susan Catherine Dreskell; Mary L. Peoples, b. Dec. 3, 1859; Martha J. Peoples, b. Dec. 31, 1861; William Harvey Peoples, Jr. b. Sept. 4, 1864; Oliver M. Peoples, b. Mar. 24, 1867; Emily M. Peoples, b. June 6, 1869; Noah M. Peoples, b. Mar. 29, 1872.

William Harvey Peoples' brother, George Alexander Peoples came to Morgan County a little later. He was there in 1870 and had five children at that time, Martha, 1852; William, 1854; Marion, 1863; Mary, 1864; Isabell, 1868.

Jasper McCaney Peoples was a Baptist preacher. By his marriage to Emily Rachel Beeman he had six children: John Harvey, 1872; Thomas, 1874; Hattie, 1876; Benjamin, 1879; Martin J. and William Dan. By his second wife, Elizabeth Moon, he had nine children, Emily (Emma) married Dick Rollins; James Oliver, married Lenora Ritchie; Wesley Weaver, Feb. 18, 1892-Apr. 12, 1922, married first Amy Boyer, second Pearl Belle Hutchison Anderson; Arthur Henry, Apr. 15, 1895, married July 2, 1919 Sadie Ritchie; Forrest, died 1928, married Edith Marriott; Roy Lee, Feb. 12, 1900-1931, married Nov. 27, 1924 Maggie Rolig; Bertha Alpha, never married, Aubrey Clay, May 11, 1902, married Letha Maude Brooks; Lula Viola, Nov. 11, 1924, never married.

Arthur Henry Peoples lives at Versailles and Aubrey Clay Peoples at Latham, Mo. Many Peoples descendants still live in the area. — *Bartina Wilson Peoples*

## MARTIN R. PETERSON

Martin R. Peterson, who established a tailor shop in Versailles in 1913, was born in Sweden on Aug. 20, 1852. He migrated to America when a young man and had lived in St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati and later in Nevada, Mo.

He made suits and coats for many business men of Versailles and surrounding area. He kept books of swatches of materials from which they selected fabrics for their suits. He ordered some patterns but often made his own from newspapers, measuring his customer in his shop.

In his later years he added the dry-cleaning business to his tailor shop, where he was assisted by Floyd Holder, who did his cleaning and pressing. His shop was located two blocks north of the square on N. Monroe Street.

He was married to Matilda (maiden name unknown) in 1883 in Chicago. She was born in Sweden and came to the United States with her parents. She died at the home in Versailles July 8, 1921.

They had an adopted son, Robert. They also had 4 sons who died in infancy. Funeral services were held for Mr. Peterson at the Kidwell Funeral Home Friday, April 27, the day after he died following several months illness. The Rev. J.D. Prater officiated. He was buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Funeral servies for Matilda were held at the home. She was a Presbyterian. She is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## THOMAS P. PETTY

Francis Marion Petty and his wife, Delia Bagley, were born in Virginia. They had four sons, Benjamin F., James, Francis M. and Thomas P. Petty. In 1856 they came to Moniteau Co., Mo. from Indiana with their sons in a covered wagon. Francis had been married several times and fathered twenty-eight children. They settled on land east of Tipton, Mo. called "Petty Town."

The four Petty brothers were brick layers and Thomas P. Petty set up a brick making plant in Versailles and constructed brick buildings there and in towns as far away as Mexico, Mo. and Sedalia, Mo.

*1st. row:* Francis M. Petty and Thomas P. Petty; *Back row:* Benjamin and James Petty.
The four brothers comprised the Petty Bricklayers Co.

Thomas Porter Petty was born in Indiana in 1835. He married Narcissus W. Finley in 1861 in Calloway Co., Mo. Their children were Louisa Belle, Martha A., James Milton, Charles F., Jenneva and Jarinetta. Narcissus died in 1878 and he was married again in 1884, to Mrs. Lucinda Kidwell by Justice Scheerer near Tipton. They spent their first honeymoon Sunday in Versailles. Lucinda died Dec. 3, 1893. She had nineteen step-children.

Mr. Petty was one who helped to build the present courthouse in Versailles. He was premium brick layer at the Central Missouri District fair at Tipton in 1880.

On May 2, 1883, a news story stated "Versailles is on the eve of a big building boom. John Lumpee will build his big block immediately and uncle Sam Martin will follow with one of the finest hotels in the county. F.M. Petty and Thomas P. Petty are making half a million brick which will all be used for building purposes this summer."

An announcement in 1887 stated that the Petty Brick and Sand Co. would move their brick machine to Versailles by April 1.

Tom owned many acres of land at Versailles, Tipton and Camdenton. In April, 1891, he sold a piece of property and drew $400 from the bank and later took the train to return to Tipton. About half a mile out of town he discovered he had lost the money. A week later he found his money. The six year old daughter of Joe Woods, well-known colored man of Versailles, picked up the money on the depot platform where Mr. Petty had dropped it. She didn't know what the money was but took it home and it was several days before her parents discovered it. Mr. Petty paid the $50 reward offered for the money.

Thomas P. Petty's second child was Martha Ann, who married Joseph Finis Martin, son of Daniel Boone and Nancy E. Burrus Martin on Oct. 23, 1885. Joseph and Martha lived the

first few years of their married life near Versailles. They had two small daughters, Naomi and Ruth. Naomi died and the family later moved to the state of California. Other children born to them while they lived in California were Claude Boone, Cecil and Martha.

Thomas P. died on June 18, 1922 in Nestor, Calif. and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Thomas Petty is remembered in this county for the lovely bricks he made and transported by team and wagon to building sites all over the area, and for the expert workmanship he exhibited in laying the bricks for many of our lovely homes. *Mrs. Stanley C. Potts, Sr.*

## ALVIN E. PHILLIPS

Alvin Edgar Phillips, youngest of the seven children of Joseph Henry, Sr. and Ida Sophia Phillips, was born in Morgan County July 27, 1904. The others: Dixie Elizabeth, Leroy Allen, Felix Grundy, Caroline Ruth, Pauline, and Joseph Henry, Jr. The parents lived in Morgan County for a time after their marriage, then in Indian Territory and Colorado. Returning to Missouri, they lived in southern Morgan County until the Lake of the Ozarks was created, then on a farm near Glensted.

Joseph and Ida Phillips, parents of Alvin E. Phillips

Alvin's maternal grandfather, Sampson Allen Phillips, was one of a family of twelve children of John (son of Jonathan Phillips) and Nancy Allen Phillips. He came to Morgan County from Callaway County and acquired an extensive tract of land near Barnett (formerly called Barnettsville, about a mile north of the present town). He and his wife, Elizabeth, had twelve children. Elizabeth, born in Tennessee, came to Missouri by covered wagon with her father's family when quite young. Her parents, George (an 1812 veteran) and Lucy Turner Phillips had seventeen children. Sampson Phillips' home was one of two in the community left standing when the cyclone struck in the late 1800's, and became, for a time, a hospital and morgue.

Alvin's paternal great-grandfather, William Phillips, grew up on his father's farm where Louisville, Kentucky now stands. He and his brother Joe, still in their teens, joined the army under Andrew Jackson and fought in the battle of New Orleans. After the war they came to Missouri and settled in Morgan County. William married a local girl, Lucinda Colburn. They had seven children, the oldest being John, the grandfather of Alvin. John's wife was Nancy Phillips, sister of Elizabeth. They had nine children.

Dixie Phillips, a teacher, married Alfred Myers. They lived in Morgan County until Bagnell Dam was built, then in Pettis County. Of their ten children, four boys fought in World War II, one being killed. Dixie was postmaster at Green Ridge several years. She died in 1977.

Alvin E. Phillips and wife, Kathleen
Children, Edgar, Louise and Charles

Leroy was in the Rainbow Division, A.E.F., which fought in France in World War I. Upon his return he worked in Kansas City, later returning home to care for his aging parents. He died in 1969.

Felix died in infancy while his parents lived in Colorado.

Caroline, a teacher, married Benjamin Short. She was postmaster at High Point for some time. She liveed in California several years, but returned to Missouri. She died in 1975.

Pauline taught, then worked in Kansas City, where she married James Pritner. They had one daughter, Geraldine. Pauline lives in Long Beach, California, having retired from Civil Service.

Joseph, Jr. lives near Eldon. He retired from the Chevrolet plant in Kansas City. His wife is the former Ruth Shoup.

Alvin married Kathleen Evans and lives near Florence. Their children are: Edgar Alan, Louise Jennie, Charles William, and two foster daughters, Gladys Gertrude and Dorothy Ann Jacobs. All are Baptists.

Edgar and his wife, Authorene, daughter of Vern and Leta Crouch Wilson of Buffalo, Oklahoma, teach in Marshall, Missouri. He also farms. They have three sons: Charles, James, and Alan.

Louise lives on a farm near Houstonia, Missouri. Her husband, William Helden, son of William and Mary Helden, commutes to his position with AT&T in Kansas City. They have a son, Billy.

Charles married Lois Emery, daughter of Baptist minister David and Eula Mae Stoller Emery. They have three daughters: Charla, Kathleen, and Cozette. They live at California, Missouri. Charles teaches in Jefferson City, and farms. Lois does substitute teaching in California.

Gladys and Dorothy married brothers, Earl and Homer Homan, and live in north Morgan. *Submitted by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips*

## GEORGE M. PHILLIPS

George Marion Phillips was born in Morgan County October 8, 1856, the eldest son of John and Nancy Phillips. He was

Leona, Beulah and Roy Armstrong

one of a family of seven. The others were Angeline, who died at the age of four, James William, Mahulda Catherine, Martha Caroline, Joseph Henry, Susan Ann Elizabeth, Sampson Allen, and Eliza.

James married Laura Purvis, Mahulda married a Mr. Wall, Caroline married Mr. Hadley, Joseph married Ida S. Phillips, Elizabeth married Charles Sidebottom, Sampson married Mildred Marriott, Eliza married James Sidebottom.

George's paternal grandparents were William and Lucinda Colburn Phillips, and his maternal grandparents were George and Lucy Turner Phillips. On February 14, 1889, he married Mahulda Catherine Phillips, daughter of Sampson and Elizabeth Phillips. They had one child, Leona Ellen, who married Roy Lee Armstrong. Roy and Leona lived all of their married life in Morgan County, with the exception of four years in Pettis County. Roy was the son of Charles and Emma Short Armstrong. Roy and Leona had six children; four little boys died in infancy, Bernice Emma died at the age of twenty months, Beulah Kathryn, the eldest, still survives. Leona died while they were living near Otterville and was buried in the Phillips cemetery near Barnett. Later Roy and daughter Beulah moved near Tipton, Missouri. He died in 1974 and was also buried in the Phillips cemetery. Beaulah now lives in Tipton.
*Submitted by Beulah K. Armstrong*

## GILBERT B. PHILLIPS

Gilbert B. Phillips was born Mar. 26, 1880 the fifth son of Theodore Phillips, b. Jan., 1848, and Rosa Wright Phillips, of Miller County, b. July, 1851. Theodore and Rosa were married Oct. 17, 1869 and had ten children.

Gilbert married Hulda Ann Ferguson Sept. 5, 1904 at the Morgan County courthouse by Probate Judge H.E. Neville.

Hulda Ann, born Mar. 20, 1885, was the daughter of Harrison Ferguson of Pike County, Ind. and Amanda Traylor of Pike County, Ind., who were married Oct. 12, 1869. They had ten children. Hulda Ann was the youngest. In 1880 they moved to Moniteau County, Mo. near High Point, where the three youngest children were born. The children attended Grant School.

Harrison Ferguson was a Mason and a veteran of the Civil War.

Gilbert and Hulda Ann Phillips had five children. Binford died at age six months and Carl died at twelve years of age. Their three daughters are Pearl Miles, of Versailles, Juanita Cramer of St. Louis and Irene Wilborn of Barnett.

They had three grandchildren. Ed Dewey Miles died at age one year; Joanna Fields of Barnett and Dale Phillips of Belton, Mo. The five great-grandchildren of Gilbert and Hulda are Kenny Joe Fields, Vicki Fields and Steve Fields, all of Barnett, and Scott and Randy Phillips of Belton.

Gilbert and Hulda were members of the Christian Church for many years. She was a member of the O.E.S. Chapter 410

Gilbert & Hulda, Golden Wedding Anniversary Sept. 3, 1954 at Christian Church

and served as postmaster at Marvin and operated a grocery store there, together with her husband, for five years. Hulda served on the Republican Committee for several years. She was president of the Marvin P.T.A. and attended the 31st annual convention Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers in St. Louis Oct. 15, 16, 17, 1946. She also helped sponsor 4-H and home economics clubs. She was Marvin correspondent for the Versailles Leader and Versailles Statesman for many years. She was never too busy to help a sick neighbor.

Four Generations of G.B. Phillips Family: *(right)* Mrs. Clyde Wilborn; *(left)* Mrs. Wilborns daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Fields; baby is Kenny Joe Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fields.

Gilbert and Hulda liked to fish and he was said to be able to catch them where everyone else had failed.

Gilbert and Hulda lived on a farm in the Marvin community for many years and moved to Versailles at 405 Richardson St. on Nov. 15, 1955.

Gilbert died Oct. 13, 1961 and Hulda died Feb. 11, 1970. Both are buried at Big Rock Cemetery between Versailles and Barnett. *by Pearl Phillips Miles*

## HIRAM RUSSELL PHILLIPS

Hiram Russell entered land grants in 1837 and 1835.

John Phillips entered a land grant in 1837.

The families lived here many years. A family cemetery is located on the land, that is now owned by Herschel Yows, located three miles north and east of Barnett.

On the maternal side of the family, Mrs. Cora Kidwell's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Crane and their daughter Mildred, Mrs. Kidwell's mother, moved from Boone County to Morgan County in 1842. Mrs. Kidwell's father, John Imler arrived in 1858, from Ohio.

Guy W. Kidwell and Cora Imler were married February 20, 1896. They lived all their married life in the vicinity of Barnett. In 1912 they purchased the farm that had belonged to her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Imler. The Imler's had bought the land in 1875 from Elishia Shelton. They built a house on the land in 1876. Mrs. Kidwell was born in this house in 1878. Her two youngest children, Frances and Guy were also born there. The land has been owned by members of the family for one hundred and three years. The Ralph Kidwell heirs own the property at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kidwell their children were Ralph, born in 1900, married Margaret Stayton; John born 1907, married Alice Favorite; Shirley born 1909, married Icel Crane; Frances born 1913, married Harry Davenport and Guy W. II born 1916, married Buelah Hees.

There are thirty-five living descendants of the Guy and Cora Kidwell family. Many still living in Morgan County. *By Guy W. Kidwell, II*

## REV. C.J. POLSTON

Rev. C.J. Polston was born in Kentucky November 27, 1846.

Rev. Charles J. Polston, 1846-1933

He married Hattie A. Avis born March 19, 1854, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Avis, of St. Louis, Missouri, on April 7, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Polston lived in Warren County Missouri the first few years of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Polston were the parents of five children, four daughters and a son, namely, Lillian Rebecca, who died at the age of eighteen months; Nellie Jane who passed away when sixteen years of age; Mary Alice, (Hughes); Frances (Barrett) and Franklin A. Polston. Their son Frank was an early day graduate of Missouri University, school of engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Polston came to Versailles and engaged in the grocery business several years. They operated a grocery store in Procter, Missouri for a short time during their early residence in Morgan County.

For many years a pastor in the Methodist faith, Rev. Polston, and his wife, experienced the many hardships of the early day circuit rider and preacher. Rev. and Mrs. Polston shared the experiences of an itinerant life. Rev. Polston was the Methodist Pastor at churches in Rayville, Missouri, Marshfield, Missouri, and Vienna, Missouri. He will be remembered by many in Central Missouri having filled numerous other pastorates in that section of the state. During his lifetime he filled every obligation to his Lord.

Mrs. Polston passed away January 18, 1930. Rev. Polston passed away March 16, 1933.

## HUGH PORTER

Hugh Porter, of Irish descent, moved to Morgan County as a boy, after his father lost a farm he had owned in Iowa. Hugh went to Lone Jack School, near High Point, Mo. He later married Mary Tice Porter, of Dutch heritage. From their marriage, six children were born: Liza, Martsreen, Kathryn, Arch, Mart and John Andrew. Hugh farmed and worked in timber all his life. He died at "Raccoon Hollow" near Gladstone, Mo., which now is covered by the Lake of the Ozarks. He was buried at New Prospect, and his body later moved to Union Cemetery at Rocky Mount when lake water covered New Prospect cemetery.

Hugh and Mary Tice Porter

John Andrew Porter, born June 16, 1863 and died June 16, 1949, married Rodie Jane Cooper, born May 2, 1868 (and died Sept. 23, 1943), daughter of Elizabeth McGinnis Sidebottom and Joe Cooper. Elizabeth's first husband left for the Civil War and never returned. A lifetime dowry of 80 acres called the "Bogue Farm" became hers, then reverted back to her first husband's heirs when she died. The land then was purchased by John Andrew and Rodie Jane Porter. This was the first time the land sold after it was homesteaded by George Sidebottom.

John and Rodie Porter had 11 children: Alice, William Arthur, Hattie Jane, Leonard, Henry, John Herman, Hugh Chester, Lewis Martin, George Alpha, Charles Houston and Joseph Manuel. Joseph Manuel was born Aug. 17, 1902. He and Bessie Lenora Roe (born Nov. 3, 1900) were joined in marriage by Honest Wadell at the Morgan County Courthouse in 1926. At the time of her marriage, Bessie had two children by a previous marriage. Her first husband had been killed in an accident.

Manuel and Bessie Porter lived on a farm that joined the Bogue farm of his father. Vencil Andrew, their oldest child, was born there. Later they moved to the Fisher Place, located alongside Ritchie Creek in southern Morgan County. Three

more children were born there: Willa Faye, John Edward and Velma Lee. During his lifetime, Manuel farmed and timbered. After children were grown, he bought a farm on Route MM, and later moved to Versailles, where he died and was buried June 2, 1974, at Versailles Cemetery. He left his wife, 11 grandchildren and 10 step-grandchildren.

Vencil Andrew Porter was born Jan. 14, 1927, married Mavis Ruth Kolden (born Aug. 13, 1930) at the Versailles courthouse by A.J. Bolinger. Vencil, like his forefathers, farmed and timbered, along with his career of driving a truck. He and Mavis had seven children: Vencil Lee, Mancil Dean, Howard Clayton, Ruth Marie, Roger Nels, Philip Charles and Gloria Jean. Mancil Dean married Peggy Diana Ritchie Nov. 14, 1970. They have two children: Joseph Mancil Dean and Jason Matthew David.

Howard Clayton married Joe Carleen Gilpin on Oct. 11, 1975. Vencil Lee Porter was born Sept. 19, 1949, at Kansas City, Mo. After graduating from Versailles High School, he worked as a carpenter. On Dec. 26, 1968, he married Pamela Sue Skinner, born Feb. 3, 1952. They were married by the Rev. John H. Thornberry at the home of her parents in Laurie. Vencil Lee later formed his own construction company, building homes around Morgan County. He and Pam have a child, Vencil James, born at Sedalia, Mo., on June 29, 1975.
*by Pam Porter*

## ROTEN E. PORTER

Nathanield Porter (b. 1815 d. 1888) and his wife Cyntha Cummings (b. 1814 d. 1897) resided in Megs County Kentucky with their four children; William H. (b. 1839 d. 1864), Milton J. (b. 1840 d. 1863), Angeline (b. 1845), Melvina (b. 1847) and Elizabeth (b. 1843) having died in infancy.

Roten E. Porter and Lula Mae (Buzan) Porter

About the year 1847 Nathanield and his family crossed Kentucky to the Ohio River, traveling down the Ohio and the Mississippi Rivers to the Missouri River town of Boonville, Missouri. There he left his family except the eldest son, William H. Porter. The two, carrying only a broad axe and a log chain, walked south stopping at a site near the Osage River in what is now Camden County. They spent the winter building a log cabin and traveled back to Boonville in the spring to get his family. He built a grist and sawmill near a large spring which was named Porter Mill Spring. Later, when Bagnell Dam was built, that area was covered with water. Today a resort known as Porter Mill Resort is located at the spring. The spring can be seen bubbling in the lake water today.

Nathanield later sold the mill and moved to a farm in Bates County Missouri until the start of the Civil War in 1860. To get away from the fighting he moved his family to Miller County settling near Etterville, Missouri. He and his family later moved to a farm northeast of Barnett, Missouri.

While residing in Missouri, four more children were born to Nathanield and Cyntha. They are Nathanield (b. 1848 d. 1926), Allen (b. 1851 d. 1931), Cicero (b. 1853 d. 1936) and Marion F. who died as an infant. Of these children, Nathanield and his wife, Jane, resided east of Versaille, Missouri, on the farm now known as the Rixey Eckert farm on Highway 52. Later Nathanield and Cicero Porter moved their families to Colorado where their descendants reside today.

Allen Porter married Fronia Savage (b. 1856 d. 1936) in 1872. Allen and Fronia bought a farm adjoining his father's farm and resided on this farm northeast of Barnett, Missouri, for 50 years until he and his wife retired and moved to Portland, Oregon in 1925.

There were five children born to this union; Pearl (deceased) married Fred Christian, Bertha (deceased) married Ralph Anderson. Their one child, Dorothy, resides in Spokane, Washington. Myrtle (deceased) married Arthur Hale, Euna married Harlan Wiley and resides in St. Petersburg, Florida, and Roten E. Porter (b. 1888 d. 1965) married Lula Mae Buzan (b. 1891 d. 1959). Children; Mrs. T.B. (Betty) Hitchcock and George A. Porter. Roten and Lula purchased a farm northeast of Versailles where they moved soon after they were married in 1915. George and his wife, Etta (Hilderbrand) continue to reside on the home place.

## HEZEKIAH PRICE, SR.

Hezekiah Price, Sr. was born September 30, 1809. He was married to Eliza Jane Elliott. He came to Missouri from Adair County, Kentucky, settling near Barnett in Morgan County. The Prices originally came from Wales. To this couple were born the following children: Mary Ann, Amanda Rebecca, William Porter, who died in infancy, George Robert, Betsy H., Eliza Jane, Nancy S., John E., Hezekiah, who died when young, Martin Luther, Thomas G., Lewis Cass, who died very young.

Hezekiah Sr. had an uncle who fought in the Revolutionary War and lost an eye in battle. Hezekiah Price received three land grants in the 1850's. They are recorded in Book I under Land Grant Certificates. This was when Franklin Pierce was President.

George R. Price married Mary Elizabeth French. They lived on a large farm near Marvin. They raised the following children: Lillie Mae, William F., Robert H. (these two boys died at 20 and 22 years of age), John Thomas, Susan C., Horace Wade, Mary E., Walter H., and Lou Ella.

Lillie Mae married William Kleber Hunter and to this union five children were born: Shores P., who married Melva Kauffman, they raised five boys — Robert, Kleber, Shores P., Preston, and Sam: William Clyde married Nina James and to this union there were Juanita, Maxine, William, and Robert: Kenneth P. married Grace Silvey. They had eight children: Lily, Wilma, Jessie, K.P., Naomi, Louise, Darrell, and Erma: Eunice married John G. Witten and they had one son, John David Witten: Lillie married August Heinemann and to this union were born Martha M., Dorothy L., Betty S., and August (Bud).

Hezekiah's daughter, Nancy, married George Robertson. They had no children and lived in Tipton, Missouri. John E. Price, son of Hezekiah, married Martha Ann Howard. They lived near Olean, Missouri. They had nine children. Charles H. married Addie McCarty. They had five children: Helen, Margarite, Loyd, Ralph, and Josephine, who died young. William Porter married Clara Sparks and they had three children.

Thomas Jefferson married Mae Geyer. Earl married Hortense Brooks. They had five children: Louise, Brooks, Ruth,

William Curtis, and Lois. Sterling Hampton married Alma Harris. Two children were born to this union. John Alvin married Grace Apperson. Their children were as follows: Pauline, Mary, Howard, Evelyn, and Richard. Eliza Jane (Jennie) married Commodore Bailey — no children. All of Versailles knew "Jennie" Bailey.

Sarah Elizabeth (Sadie) married Sydney Hogsett. There were six children: Madge, Hazel, Jennie, Mildred, Margarete, and Sydney. Stella married Otto Lutz. To this union three children were born: Martha, John, and Otto Jr., who died in infancy. John was killed in World War II.

Martin Luther married Birdie Howard. They homesteaded land in Oklahoma and raised seven children: Nora, Steve, Roe, Noble, Lewis, Forest, and Ozell. Thomas G. married Barcie Callison and lived in the State of California. They had seven children: Byron, Aubrey, Dick, Harold, Gertrude, Blanch, and Jessie.

John Thomas, son of George Robert, married Viola Snorgrass. They lived near Marvin and had four children: Neva, who died at 16, Willie, who married Bessie Black and they had ten children: Jack, Dorothy M., Frances, Mary, Robert, Pauline, Ned, Nadyne, Ruth, and Billie.

Merle married Jesse Allee. To this union five children were born: Price, Gene, Rachel, Charles, and Helen. Nellie married Marvin Cooper. They had five children: Eleanor, Elaine, Jennie L., Marvin Jr., and Pauline. Susan C. married John R. Gunn. Their children were Willie, John R., and an infant who died. Horace Wade married Sallie Madole. Their children were Elma and Thornton. Thornton married Hazel Bowline.

Elma married Carl Gunn. They had two children: Nadyne and John Carl. Mary E., daughter of George Robert, married W.B. Chastain. They had Pierce, Estill, and Dena. Walter H. lived in Oklahoma and drowned in 1933. Lou Ella married Leonard Lindsey. They had three girls: Elizabeth, Ruth, and Mary A. *Lillie Heineman*

## CHARLES ADDIS PURVIS

Charles Addis Purvis, the fifth of 11 children born to Andrew Jackson and Hannah Elizabeth Gardner Purvis, was born September 27, 1868, on the family farm, near the community in Camden County named for the Purvis family.

On October 1, 1896, Charles married Nora Collins, of Gravois Mills, Mo. They lived in Camden County, where five children were born. Three daughters died in infancy. Two sons, Orin Oppie Purvis, born June 18, 1901, and Ralph Adolphus Purvis, born October 20, 1903, moved with their father to Versaillies in 1916.

Charles Purvis drove a tank truck for Standard Oil Company, selling gasoline and kerosene to fill tanks at Gravois Mills, Purvis and other communities in the Camden-Morgan county region.

During World War I, Charles went to West Virginia to work in a munitions factory. While in West Virginia, he fell victim to the influenza epidemic that swept the continent during the war.

Once recovered, he returned to Versailles and worked at repairing furniture at Kidwell's Funeral Home. While there, Charles Purvis developed a device for lowering caskets into graves. On April 2, 1918, he obtained a patent on his invention.

After the war, Charles and his son, Orin, moved to Centropolis, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo., to work. Ralph, the younger son, stayed with his cousins, Speed and Lelia Phillips Marriott, who had purchased the old Jack Purvis farm in Camden County.

In 1920, Charles and Orin again returned to Versailles and worked for Bill Kidwell in the furniture store and undertaking establishment. When Bill Kidwell acquired the Versailles movie theater, Orin was made manager of the theater.

While managing the theater, Orin met Zelma Braden, who had come from south of Stover to Versailles to work at the overall factory. They were married in 1922.

At about this time, Ralph, Charles Purvis' younger son, also moved to Versailles, and went to work at the Kidwell mortuary. While working at Kidwell's, in 1927, Ralph was taken suddenly ill. Within two weeks, he succumbed to the disease of Vincent's Angina and died on October 10, 1927. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Earlier, in the spring of 1923, Orin and Zelma Purvis moved to California. There, a daughter, Maxcine, was born in 1924. Orin and his family returned to Versailles at the time of Ralph's death. When they returned to California, Charles Purvis accompanied them.

Charles Purvis died at Long Beach, Calif., in 1936 of Parkinson's Disease. He is buried in the Santa Ana (Calif.) Memorial Cemetery.

Charles' mother, Hannah, lived with her daughter Lelia Dunnaway, until her death at the age of 100 years, in 1941. She is buried in Versailles Cemetery.

Orin Purvis and his second wife, Edith, and, his daughter, Maxcine, today live in Long Beach, Calif.

## HENRY CORBIN PURVIS

Henry Corbin Purvis was born September 7, 1831, in Montgomery County, Mo. The eldest son of James and Elizabeth Hood Roe Purvis, James was about nine years old when his family moved to Cole County.

At the time the family relocated south of the Missouri River, the Purvis family included Henry, his younger brothers, Andrew Jackson and George Van Buren Purvis; three sons of Elizabeth Hood Purvis by a previous marriage: John, William and Thomas Roe; and a daughter, Matilda Roe.

When he was 16 years old, Henry was appointed chainman to the surveyor of the Lisletown-Versailles Road in Morgan County, with James Purvis working as assistant. On May 22, 1853, Henry married Mary Phillips in Cole County. The young couple decided to make their home in Morgan County, on Mill Creek, about six miles south of Gravois Mills.

Henry worked as a blacksmith in Gravois Mills in the 1850's. From 1860 to 1863, he helped build St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and was — according to W.P.A "Missouri", 1941--" ... the one non-Catholic in the group assisting his fellow pioneers."

The home originally built by Henry and Mary Purvis in 1853 or 1854 is in part still standing and is occupied. It was remodeled in the 1960's. The Mary Purvis Cave, located behind the house, contains a spring. The cave is mentioned in "History of Morgan County," published in 1889 by John Morris Company: " ... (The cave) has been explored between two and three miles. It also seems to branch in different directions. In it have been found bear dens and evidences that at one time the Indians occupied parts of it. Lead has been found in this cave in considerable quantities."

Henry Purvis was nearly 54 years old when he died on May 26, 1885. His wife, Mary, died September 13, 1902, at the age of 73 years. Both are buried in Silvey Cemetery. Henry and Mary Purvis bore 12 children: Amanda Louise, Matilda Ann, Andrew Jackson, Ruba, George W., Lucy M., Corbin A., Mary C., Louella, Francis M., Elizabeth C. and Alice R. Purvis.

## IVY PURVIS

In the year 1834 James Purvis moved to Montgomery County, Missouri from Kentucky. He later moved to Cole County near Jefferson City. He, and his wife, Elizabeth Hood Purvis had three sons; Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, and George Van Buren.

George V. Purvis married Harriett Gardner, a sister to his brother Jacks wife, Hannah. They homesteaded on the Osage River in Camden County. Their children were Horace, Louvena, Josephine, Pensia, Isam, Ivy and Harley. Four other children died in infancy. George served with the Confederacy during the Civil War, and spoke of being in a battle at Boonville, and near Springfield. He told of going in and seeing

Ivy and Ora Purvis

General Lyon when he was mortally wounded. He was captured in the south and taken by steamboat to Rock Island Prison in Illinois. In later years he told of the bitter winters and near starvation that he endured there. In December 1928 he died at the age of 93 and was buried in the family cemetery on the farm that he homesteaded.

George and Harriett Purvis

His son Ivy, was born June 12, 1887 at the family home, and in 1909 was married to Ora Hill. They continued to live on the family farm for 13 years. To Ivy and Ora were born six children; Nona Elizabeth, Eva Marie, Geraldine (who died in infancy), twin sons, John Ivy and George Ivan and Rosemary.

In 1923 they purchased the general store at Purvis, Missouri from Pete and Pricilla McDonough, and Mrs. Purvis was appointed postmistress. Jack Purvis had been the first postmaster at Purvis, hence the family name. Mr. Purvis continued to farm.

Back in the early 1900's, dam construction had been talked on the Osage River; many years before the power plant was built at Bagnell. By the mid twenties the Osage river people saw that a dam was inevitable, for a big land company started buying property. When the first contracts were offered for clearing the lake bottoms the Purvises bid on a 40 acre tract. It was a profitable venture, and they went on to bid for a huge clearing contract between Cartwright Springs and Proctor. This job took exactly two years, winding up in early 1931. People came from throughout the state, some from farther away, for work during these depression years. As many as 80 worked for the Purvises at this time. Mr. Purvis recalled clearing the "rapids bluff". One requirement for clearing was that trees couldn't fall in the river. They had to be felled uphill, piled up and burned. These were tough assignments for there was four miles of nearly sheer bluffs. There were no chain saws; most workmen used hedge axes and cross cuts.

With the filling of the lake, a move to the top of the hill was imperative. The Purvises never considered leaving, as most people did. The postoffice was transferred to its new spot despite objections from some postal officials.

In 1931 Purvis Beach was born by building two log cabins equipped with the bare necessities. In the fall of 1932, the year the lake was filled, seven frame cabins were built. Business was good from the start, and when Ivy and Ora retired in 1955 there were 18 cottages. Mr. Purvis passed away in November 24, 1975 at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles. He was buried at Ozark Chapel Cemetery in Laurie, Missouri on land that he gave to the church. Mrs. Purvis is still living in Laurie.

Nona married Leslie Moore and had four children; Claude J. Stevens (son by a former marriage), Mary Ann (Terry), Tom and George.

Eva married Robert Hibdon and had three children; Robert J., Carolyn (Burks), and Sharon (Washburn).

George, who married Helen Gatlin, is deceased. They had five children; Katheryn (Tankersley), Van, Peggy (Robb), Harriett (Mead), and Sara. John remained unmarried.

Rosemary married Charles Butts and had four children; Philip, Christopher, Deborah (King), and Randy. *Nona Moore*

## JOHN RAGES

At an early age, John Rages, b. 1840, came to Missouri from Germany, via New Orleans. He married Mary Bluhm of Pyrmont, b. 1848.

Five boys and five girls born to John and Mary Rages grew to maturity. One child died in infancy. The Rages owned and farmed a section of land on Haw Creek. Their children grew up on the farm; four of the five sons became school teachers.

Chris married Mary Gieschen. They became parents of Viola, Leota and Stanley. Viola is a patient at Brooking Park Geriatric Center. Leota (Mrs. Edgar) Wiechen lives at Sedalia. Stanley and his son, Robert, farm adjacent farms in the Haw Creek area.

Ellen Rages married Fred Siegel. They had Arni, who married Lillie Harper; Lucille, who married Arthur Hampy of Cole Camp; and Logan, who married Clara Eickholz.

Anna married Henry Ringen. Their one daughter died in infancy.

Charles married Gertrude Fischer. They had five daughters and one son, Charles, Jr., who now lives south of Sedalia. The daughters are Mildred, who became music supervisor of St. Charles County schools; Meriam (Mrs. Julian) Fowler, of Richmond; Lillian Barrick, counselor at Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia; Kathryn Fox, whose husband was an instructor at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Margaret.

Albert Rages married Ida Hoehns. When Albert moved to Colorado for health reasons, he became assistant postmaster of Denver. Albert and Ida Rages had three children: Lora (Mrs. Henry) Fiske, teacher in the Denver school system; John Dale, who married Ermanie Dumars; and Margaret

(Mrs. Harold) McIntosh, whose husband is professor of law at Stanford University.

Amelia (Mrs. Harry) Hampy was the mother of Melvin, who married Ruth Cook and now lives near Smithton; Ira, who lives at Warsaw; and Marie (Mrs. Freddie) Brauer. Marie's sons are Freddie Gene, who works in the computer department at Central Missouri State University, and Harry Dean, who owns his grandparent's farm.

Edward Rages married Gertrude Tinken — of Kansas. Their children are Rebecca Cole Erni, who teaches in Littleton, Colo., and Lloyd Wesley, superintendent of schools in Bozine, Kan.

Julia (Mrs. Henry) Hoehns died from burns caused by an incubator explosion. She was the mother of Elsie (Mrs. Paul) Culp, a teacher; Gladys (Mrs. Lawrence) Wagenknecht, of Sedalia; Leo, who married Grace Payne and now is married to Mrs. Dorothy Rumans; and Bernice (Mrs. Charles) Sartain, who lives in Morgan County, south of Otterville.

Laura (Mrs. August) Dittmer was the mother of Carl, who lives on Haw Creek; Martha (Mrs. Lloyd Monsees), who lives in Smithton; and Lester, who married Mrs. Louella Mertgen, and now lives on the original Rages farmstead.

Wesley, who bought part of his father's section of land, married Blanche Ditzfeld. They were parents of Anna (Mrs. Harold) Eldenburg, of Florence, who has taught in Morgan, Pettis and Moniteau counties; Ona (Mrs. B.M.) Harrison, who lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Loyetta (Mrs. Donald) Barnes, who lives in Moberly; and Donald, who died in 1964.

*Submitted by Anna J. Eldenburg*

## HOWARD DANIEL RAID

Howard Daniel Raid, born Oct. 22, 1912, to Harvey John Raid and Clara Emma Koller Raid, married Pauline Krehbiel, born Nov. 4, 1907, daughter of Laura and August Krehbiel.

Dr. Krehbiel, who holds a Ph. D. degree in Agricultural Economics has taught at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio for thirty years. He was pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church, eight miles northeast of Versailles, in 1943-1944-1945.

Elizabeth Ann Raid, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raid, was born while he was pastor of Bethel church. Dr. Gunn was the attending physician. Elizabeth Ann is now married to Steven John Pankratz. They have three children, Rachel Anita, born Dec. 10, 1968, Lisa Christine, born Nov. 2, 1971 and Matthew Steven, born Feb. 22, 1974, and live at Mr. Lake, Minnesota.

Dr. Raid is a cousin to the Hilty families of Bethel community.

## HENRY RAINES

Henry Raines was one of a family of twelve children born to John and Sarah Raines. Sarah Raines lived to be 103 years oid and died at the home of her daughter Nancy Raines Sterns.

The children of John and Sarah Raines were: David, Henry, Jacob, John, Nathan, Wesley, Mary Ann (Waterman), Clarissa, Nancy (Sterns), Mehlon.

Henry Raines was born Jan. 25, 1818, died May 1900. He married Mary Ratcliff May 16, 1839. They had nine children. Three of their daughters married Painters, who's father was an old pioneer of Morgan Co.

The oldest daughter Nancy Margaret Rains born Mar. 6, 1840, died May 1897, married Jim Painter, they had three children: Wally, Lolly, and a baby born in 1874. Jim Painter died 1920, Los Angeles, Ca.

Mary Ann Raines born Sept. 2, 1841, died July 21, 1875, married to George Washington Painter, brother of Jim. They had six children. Fannie born 1861 died 1863; Ernest born 1864 — had three children; Eve born 1866 died 1899, married Charles Moore, had three children; Edwin 1868-1942 — married Mary Lee, six children: Nellie 1871-1947, married George Francisco, six children; Nora born 1874. After Mary Ann's death on July 21, 1875, G.W. Painter later married Sarah Elizabeth a sister of Mary Ann his first wife.

Sarah Elizabeth Raines born Aug. 27, 1843 married first a Mr. Atchison and they had two children, Harry and Cora Atchison. Sarah Elizabeth second marriage to G.W. Painter, her sister Mary Ann first husband. It is said he was sheriff of Morgan County at one time, as they lived part of the time here. But at the time of Sarah's father's death they were living in Pettis County, Mo. Both died in Highland, Ca. in 1911.

John Raines born Mar. 4, 1846, died Sept. 22, 1853.

Robert Raines born Oct. 24, 1848 and died at the close of Civil War.

Telitha Louella Raines born Jan. 20, 1854, married Mr. Southworth. She was 21 when the family returned from Ohio.

Jerusha Jane Raines born Feb. 29, 1856, married Mr. Nessmith or Nesbit. (Archives gives Nessmith, a cousin gives Nesbit) She was nineteen when the family returned to Missouri.

William Henry Raines born July 6, 1861, died Mar. 16, 1933.

Mary Ratcliff Raines the wife of Henry died Mar. 1863 of "Spotted Fever."

The Raines family lived at "Raines Cave", later known as "Spears Cave and Mill." Henry Raines chiseled out the basin and solid rock in the cave to hold water of the spring at the entrance of the cave. He built the old water mill where they also carded and spun wool. Because he was a Miller the government would not accept him when he tried to enlist in the Union Army during the Civil War. The Government awarded him several prizes for the fine quality of the flour he milled.

Henry Raines, after the death of Mary, married Charlotte Ann (Goodwin) Ratcliff, widow of Jerry Ratcliff, brother of Mary (Ratcliff) Raines. They returned to Ohio 1865, where he engaged in the Sawmill business. He leased timber at different places and sawed timber for Buggy Factories.

Five children were born to them in Ohio: Saloma, Allie, Lena, James W. and Charles. The mill burned in 1874 and 1875 they returned to Missouri. Two daughters, Price and Cora were born after their return to Missouri.

Henry Raines died near Adain, Mo. in May 1900. Charlotte died in Warrensburg, Mo. Jan. 30, 1932.

Henry's brother John Raines married Mar. 16, 1843 to Lucy James the daughter of John and Rachel James. She was a sister of Mahlon J. James who married Jane Campbell of Morgan County. Many descendents still in Moniteau and Morgan Counties.

## JOHN SAMUEL RAINS

John Samuel Rains was raised on a farm outside of Versailles with his brothers and sisters, Millie, Albert, Mary, Georgia, Charotte, Sarah, Wesley, Festus, Allen and Leslie in the 1880's and 1890's. They were the children of George Thomas and Susan M. (Hutchinson) Rains, both of Missouri.

George was a son of John R. and Lucy (James) Rains. Susan was a daughter of Ambrose and Milley (Morris) Hutchinson both from Kentucky. John R. and Lucy's other children were David D., James, Mary Jane, Margaret, Mahlon, Sarah and John Franklin.

John R. parents were John and Sarah Rains from North Carolina and Tennessee. They went to Ohio in the early 1800's. In the 1840's they moved to Morgan County, Missouri, most of their other children, Henry, Nancy, Nathan, Sarah, George, David, Celanpa, Mahlon and Mary came with them.

In 1901 John Samuel Rains married Mary Nevis in Versailles. They had four children born in Missouri, Dorothy, Orval, Helen and Mable. In 1910 the family moved to Orange County, California where they had four more children, Alice, George, Maxine and Gilbert. When the move was made to California the name was changed to Raines by adding an "e". All of John's brothers did the same thing.

Mary Nevis was born at Proctor, Missouri, daughter of John William of Ohio and Nancy Abigail (Bowers) Nevis. John and Nancy had five other children, Laura, Harvy, Cora and Mamie. After Nancy's death, John married Adoshia Estes and their children were Claude, Dorcey and William.

John Samuel and Mary Nevis Raines, Dorothy, Helen, Mable, Alice

Nancy's parents were Abraham and Mary (Ellis) Bowers. They came to Morgan County, Missouri from Tennessee in the late 1850's along with their children Archie, Nancy, Daniel, Volentine, Reece. Later James, Michael, Barbara, Lida, John, Jacob, Isaac and Polly were born in Morgan County.

Most of John Samuel and Mary (Nevis) Raines' family still live in Orange County, California. Some branches live in different states. Many more still live in Morgan County, Missouri. It was a long trip from North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio to Morgan County, Missouri. Due to the courage of these brave pioneer's we are here. *Submitted by Barbara B. Raines*

## ROY D. RAINS

Roy D. Rains was born March 14, 1895 at Humansville, son of Levi Rains and Minnie Moulder Rains.

Levi Rains was born at Humansville on Dec. 8, 1868 and died May 31, 1958. He was the son of W.C. Rains (died March, 1929) and Henriette Walters Rains (Dec. 19, 1867-June, 1922). Levi Rains married Minnie Moulder (1873) on Jan. 29, 1889. They came to Versailles, in 1913, where he worked as a brick mason at the W.S. Dickey Brick Manufacturing Co.

Levi Rains and Minnie Moulder Rains had four sons, Elmer, Homer, Kenneth and Roy, and a daughter, Pearl. Levi and Minnie are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Roy D. Rains came to Versailles from Humansville in 1913 and went to work at the brick plant. He later went to Conway, Ia., where he worked as a night swtichboard operator for the telephone company. He married Golda Moulder, (born Nov. 8, 1894) daughter of Charles M. and Kate B. Weidner Moulder, on April 8, 1915. They came to Versailles and lived there all their married life except four years in Norfolk, Nebr.

Roy and Golda Rains

Roy Rains bought a small grocery store on South Oak street in Versailles from Mart Jones for $500 in 1916. The store was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve in 1918. He opened a larger store and continued to operate stores in Versailles at various locations. His last department store was on West Newton street in one of the brick buildings he constructed in the block. His wife, Golda, operated the drygoods and notions department.

Roy Rains built several new brick buildings, including several on North Fisher street.

The children of Roy D. and Golda Rains were Roy M. Rains, born Jan. 10, 1916, Calvin D. Rains, born June 13, 1928, and Rex Dale Rains, born Dec. 6, 1933.

Roy M. Rains married Janice Cochran, born Dec. 13, 1915, daughter of Omer E. and Tracy A. Sullivan Cochran, on Feb. 6, 1936. They have lived at San Francisco, Bakersfield and Huntington Beach, Calif. for many years. Their children are Roy Cochran Rains, Encinitas, Calif., who married June Harriet Todd of Honolulu, Hawaii in 1957. (Their children: Bonnie, Oct. 29, 1958, Melanie, Dec. 11, 1961, Shelley, Sept. 19, 1965 and Roy Carter, June 9, 1968.

Omer L. Rains, born Sept. 25, 1941, married Judith Reanses. (Their children: Kelley Marie, April 26, 1963 and Mark, Mar. 29, 1967) Marriage ended in divorce. Omer L. married Diana Waldie April 6, 1977. They have no children. They live in Sacramento, Calif., and he is an attorney and California State Senator, representing the 18th Senatorial District.

Calvin Rains, of Atlanta, Ga., had several marriages and several children.

Rex Dale Rains married Nevelle Frye, daughter of Jacob Edward and Noma Mildred Frye, of Stover, Mo. She had two daughters by a previous marriage, Vicki and Connie. Rex Dale and Nevelle have four children, one dying in infancy. Their children are Janine, Teresa and Rex, II.

Vicki Colbert has three children, James, Julie and Ryan. Connie Swartz has two children, Chris and Jason. Jeanene Stover's son is Travis. Teresa Vollrath has two children, Penny and Billie Jean. Rex Rains, II has no children.

After closing out their business and selling their store building on West Newton street, Golda retired. Roy opened Roy and Golda's Amusement Center on West Jasper street, which he operated until ill health forced his retirement.

Golda Rains died April 15, 1970. Roy D. Rains died Sept. 16, 1978. Both are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## JOHN H. RANKIN

John H. Rankin, son of Daniel Rankin, was born Mar. 3, 1835 in Augusta County, Va. He came to Missouri in 1859. He

was a builder and helped to construct Freedom Baptist Church between Versailles and Glensted. He was also a brick mason. He lived in Versailles at the corner of West Washington and South Monroe streets, one block south of the courthouse. (the location is now the site of the dental offices of Dr. Otho Washburn)

On Mar. 3, 1861 he married Margaret L. Chaney, daughter of Henry and Lucinda Allison Chaney of the Glensted community. Henry Chaney, trustee of Freedom Baptist Church, was killed in 1863 by bushwhackers in his barn yard. His home was burned, leaving the widow with three children to raise.

Margaret L. Chaney Rankin attended the Scrougeneck School (later known as Lone Star School), northwest of Glensted. She was a poet and some of her poems were published from time to time in the Versailles newspapers. She was interested in civic affairs and made a trip to Washington, D.C. to talk with President Lincoln about the soldiers and Civil War conditions. Later she met with presidents James A. Garfield and Woodrow Wilson.

She was born Aug. 29, 1845 and died July 24, 1940 at the age of 95. Her husband, John H. Rankin died in 1915. Their children, John H. Rankin, II died Nov. 13, 1863, buried at Freedom cemetery; Joseph, 1865-1940; James H., born Nov. 5, 1867, died Jan. 6, 1941, buried in Versailles Cemetery. (He married Olive McClane and left two children, Mrs. Foster Wheatley, Jefferson City, Mo. and Jack Rankin of Anchorage, Alaska.)

Lelia Rankin, born 1867, died 1915, married Arthur W. Villmoare Jan. 28, 1891. He was founder and publisher of the Morgan County Leader. Their son, Ross Villmoare, died young.

John H. Rankin had a brother, James H. Rankin. His sister, Jennie (Mrs. George Petty, Sr. died 1922). *Eileen Yarnell*

## JOHN LOUIS RAPP

John Louis Rapp, born in Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1850, son of Emos and Mary Lukehart Rapp. They were of German ancestry.

He and his brothers, Joe, Pete and Jake came to Missouri and Jake married and established a home on the Osage River. Joe died, Pete went to Texas. John bought a farm seven miles south of Stover, married Elizabeth Robinett Williams, (born Feb. 28, 1854) daughter of Henry and Sarah Sanders Williams on Nov. 5, 1871. William Williams, native of England, remained here at the end of the Revolutionary War, settled in Virginia, married Sally Martin. They came west, settling in Callaway county then to Morgan County, Mo. 1824.

Their children: Lee Preston (1873-1958), Ada Beatrice, (1874-1957), Charles Burton, (1877-1972), Claude Ray, (1880-1956), Stella, died in infancy. Cora Mae (1885-1978), Marie M. (1888-died in infancy).

Leo married Irma Kramalowsky July 23, 1926. One adopted daughter, Mary Katherine.

Ada Beatrice married John Taylor, Oct. 22, 1893. Their children: Zelma (1899), Lee (1902), Monta (1906) and Reed (1909).

Zelma married Leonard Tucker Dec. 15, 1920. Their children: Lois (1923), Waneta (1926) and John Lee (1929).

Leonard died and Zelma married Leo Drinkwater. Lee married Floy Cathern (1921). Their children: Mary Lee, died

John Louis Rapp Family

*Back:* Claude, Cora, Lee, Charles; *Front:* John, Elizabeth, Ada.

in infancy, and Betty Rose (Mar. 13, 1926-Aug. 20,1944). Lee then married Ida Briant, who died. He married Lena Burton, Apr. 12, 1974. Monta married William Harms, Feb. 24, 1935. One daughter, Patricia, born Feb. 13, 1936. Reed married Maude Caldwell May 22, 1930. Live in Versailles. Their children: Barbara, Oct. 26, 1930, Ray Wayne, Mar. 26, 1938 and Calvin Dean, Apr. 21, 1949.

Charles married Dorothy (Dolly) Brown Oct. 11, 1905. Their children: Irene, 1906, Delmar, 1908, Raymond, 1909, Alice Ruth, 1914, Robert John, 1917, Alva Louise, 1928.

Irene married Earl Blackman. She died, Delmar married Rachel Marriott. Delmar, Rachel and son, Burton, killed in tornado May 15, 1943. Three daughters, Joan, June and Mary Ellen survived. Raymond married Myrtie Roberts Jan. 29, 1933. Their children: Rowena, Jan. 29, 1935 and Hugh Dean, July 20, 1936. Alice at Golden Age Nursing Home, Stover, Mo. Robert married Inez Martin. Their children: LeRoy, Feb. 6, 1942, and Ruth Anne, Nov. 2, 1943. Robert and Inez died.

LeRoy married Barbara Whitesides. Ruth Ann married Denzil Raines and lives in Springfield. Alva married Irvin Gerlt, Feb. 16, 1949, live in Versailles. Their children: James, Mar. 20, 1950, Elizabeth Ann, June 11, 1953, Jerry Wayne, Aug. 28, 1957.

Claude Ray married Gordia May Wilson, Dec. 28, 1904. With brother, Lee, operated "Two Rapps Furniture and Undertaking" in Stover. He sold his half of business to nephew, Jewell Stevinson in 1938, and his son had other half. His children: Mable, July 4, 1907, died Apr. 2, 1911. Illa Mae, born Oct. 20, 1912, married Fred Scott, Dec. 28, 1955. No children. Earl, born Aug. 30, 1909, married Gladys Williams, one daughter, Betty Sue, born Dec. 34, 1933. After divorce Earl married Kitturah Drake Jan. 3, 1943.

Cora Mae married Allen Judson Small Jan. 18, 1903. He was rural mail carrier out of Stover. Their children: Naomi, born July 26, 1907, Cleola, Apr. 24, 1910 and Herschel, Oct. 24, 1903.

Herschel married Alva Welpman June 28, 1925. Two sons, Stanley Neil, Sept. 4, 1932 and Philip Stewart, Jan. 26, 1938. Herschel died 1954.

Naomi married Jewell Stevinson Sept. 30, 1933. He was funeral director 1938-1967, when he sold to James R. Scrivner. He retained funeral homes at Iberia, St. Elizabeth and Meta. Their children: Jay Allen, Dec. 1, 1939 and Judith Zoe, July 12, 1941.

Cleola married Ralph Wiest, July 31, 1928, live in Warsaw. Their children: Charmaine, Dec. 20, 1928 and John, Dec. 19, 1933.

Dennis Rapp, son of Hugh Dean Rapp, and LeRoy Rapp, son of Robert Rapp, carry on the family name. *by Naomi Stevinson*

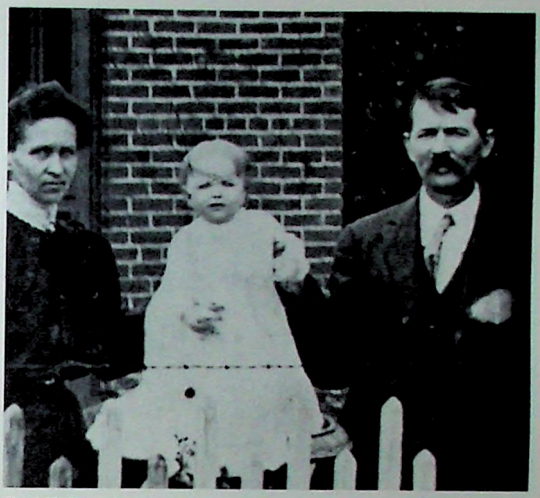
## F.H. RASA

F.H. (Fred) Rasa was born Dec. 1, 1873 near Pyrmont, Mo. Fred was the oldest son of Fritz and Minna Brant Rasa. They were both born in Hanover, Germany. Both families came to the U.S. by way of New Orleans, La. to St. Louis and on the Missouri River to Boonville. Both families settled in the Pyrmont neighborhood. Fritz and Minna were married March 6, 1873.

Fred grew up on a farm and married Betty Schupp on March 8, 1895. One son, William, was born. He married Mable Hilderbrant of Florence. Their children were Leland, Beulah, Janice, LeAna and Teddy. William farmed near Florence until he moved to Marshall, Mo.

After the death of Betty Schupp Rasa, Fred married Lena Tieman on Dec. 12, 1900. Five daughters were born, two dying at birth . . . Pearl, Roma and Reta grew up in Florence.

Pearl married Arbie Welpman and lived and farmed near Concordia. They sold the farm and moved to Concordia. They have one daughter, Maxine. Arbie died in May, 1978.



Fred H. Rasa Family
Lena, Fred and daughter Roma

Reta married Earl Welpman. Their children were Franklin, Norma June, Rosa Lee and Bobby. Bobby drowned in a pond at the age 12. They live on a farm near Higginsville.

Roma married Carl Siegel Dec. 21, 1927. He owned the general store in Florence, where they lived until 1942. They moved to their farm northeast of Florence, where Roma still lives.

Their children are Mary, Dorothy, and Paul. A son was born June 24, 1943 and died the next day. Carl died Aug. 27, 1964. Stepsons were Carl, Pete and Eugene.

Fred was in the merchandise business with Herman Lemke. They bought the store from Lee Hughes. Later C.C. Lemke was in the store with him. Fred sold his interest to C.C. Lemke. They lived on the Hummel property for 35 years, where he farmed and raised livestock. Fred was well known in Morgan County for the good mules he had. He was president of the Florence bank during its early operation.

He was active in politics, was an outstanding Republican on whom the county organization could depend for any help needed.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ at Florence. He died Oct. 13, 1937 and is buried in Florence Cemetery.

## FRITZ RASA

Fritz Rasa, son of Friedrick and Carolina Finkeldei Rasa, was born in Latzen Amt., Hanover, Germany on Dec. 25, 1847. He married Minnie Brandt on Mar. 6, 1873. Their children were: Fred, Louisa, Wilhelm, Gus, Minnie, Paulina, Rika, Emma, Emilia, Ernest, William, Edward and Ferdinand.

Fritz was a farmer in the area of Florence, Mo. They were members of the Trinity American Lutheran Church near Pyrmont. Fritz died 1929.

Minna died Nov. 19, 1927. Both are buried in the church cemetery.

Ernest G. Rasa was born Jan. 25, 1891 and graduated from Bluhm School. He married Anna Frances Klein Feb. 4, 1915. They were the parents of five children: Orva, Alma, Minnie,

Earnest G. and Anna Frances (Klein) Rasa

Lois and a son that died at birth. Ernest was a farmer, owned and operated a threshing machine and saw mill in the Self Prairie area. Both were members of the United Church of Christ at Florence, Mo. Ernest died Feb. 14, 1974. Anna died April 4, 1971. Both are buried in the church cemetery.

Fritz Rasa and wife, Minna

Orva Rasa was born Mar. 14, 1917. He graduated from Self Chapel school and married Eileen Grupe. They had four children: Ruth, Ray, Roy and a son who died at birth. Orva owned and operated a farm 1½ mile west of Florence, Mo.

Alma Rasa was born June 30, 1918 and graduated from Self Chapel School. She married Amos Rehmer and they had two children, Marvin and Irene. Amos died April 16, 1979. Alma resides on a farm one mile west of Florence.

Minnie Rasa was born Jan. 20, 1920. She graduated from Bluhm School. She married August Kanenbly and they are parents of two children, Wayne and Shirley. Minnie resides on a farm four miles east of Florence on Richland Creek.

Lois Rasa was born Dec. 23, 1923. She graduated from Bluhm School. She married Emil Oehrke and their children are Charles and Judy. One daughter died at birth. Lois resides near Florence.

Ruth Rasa was born Oct. 17, 1953, graduated from Stover High School and State Fair College at Sedalia, Mo. She married Donald Warnke Aug. 10, 1974. They have one son, Adam.

Ray Rasa, born May 9, 1959, graduated from Stover High School.

Roy Rasa, born Sept. 24, 1961, is a junior at Stover High School. Ray and Roy live with their parents.

Marvin Rehmer was born July 15, 1944. Graduated from Stover High School and spent six years in the National Guard. Married Donna Garrison Sept. 10, 1966. They had two children, Eric, and a son who died at birth. Marvin owns and operates a farm one mile west of Florence.

Irene Rehmer, born Oct. 29, 1947, graduated from Stover High School. Married Richard Dittmer June 18, 1966. Their children are Kevin and Angela.

Wayne Kanenbley was born June 13, 1944, graduated from Tipton High School and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Spent three years in the airforce. Married Rita Skaggs Sept. 2, 1967. Their children are Cynthia, Lynn and Mack. He owns and operates a farm in Richland Creek area.

Shirley Kanenbley, born Dec. 1, 1946, graduated from Tipton High School and received B.S. and M.I. degree in business education at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg. She taught eight years at Stover High School. Married Gary Knipp Aug. 22, 1970. Their children are Christian and Sarah.

Charles Oehrke, born Nov. 9, 1948, graduated from Stover High School. Married Sharon Goehenour Sept. 14, 1968. Their children are Kristian and Chad. His home is near Smithton.

Judy Oehrke was born Sept. 20, 1951, graduated from Stover High School and two years at State Fair College in Sedalia. Married Bill Hays Dec. 13, 1975. They have one daughter, Stephanie. *Mrs. Alma Rehmer, Mrs. Minnie Kanenbley*

## HENRY RASTORFER

Henry Rastorfer, born in Illinois Dec. 22, 1856, was the son of John Ulysses and Amelia Meyer Rastorfer (See John Ulysses Rastorfer biography). His father came from Switzerland in 1852; his mother from Germany a year later.

Henry Rastorfer

The Rastorfer family came to Missouri from Illinois, sojourned near Centertown, Mo., then moved on to a location two miles southeast of Gravois Mills where they settled permanently in 1869.

Henry, 13 years old, assumed his share of the hard work of transforming timberland into fenced cropland. As they journeyed to this place, long to be known as "The Rastorfer Farm," they crossed fertile prairie lands which might have been obtained, but plentiful water for livestock and wood for heating, fencing, and rail fencing, both so necessary, were lacking.

Working with his father, Henry developed the skills of a master blacksmith, skills John Ulysses brought with him to America.

In Morgan County, March 9, 1882, Henry Rastorfer married Martha Jane Lanman of Camden County, Mo. They had three sons, Theodore Bert (Mar. 3, 1884-Mar. 10, 1934), Willie (Sept. 7, 1890-Dec. 17, 1893), and Le Roy (Aug. 8, 1896-Aug. 13, 1950).

They lived in the Gravois Mills and Gladstone areas where Henry farmed; plied his blacksmith trade; was Justice of the Peace, in which capacity he performed many marriage ceremonies; and was Gladstone's postmaster many years.

Because of his integrity and sound judgment, many came to him for advice. Characteristic of his generosity, he gave the land for the Presbyterian Church and parsonage at Gladstone.

His son, Bert, acquired the blacksmithing skills of his father and grandfather and became proficient in the trade at which he worked all his life. Oct. 28, 1908 he married Mary McKinley (Oct. 18, 1883-Apr. 15, 1948) daughter of George and Melissa Wood McKinley. They lived several places including Gravois Mills and Gladstone where Bert operated blacksmith shops, then settled in Boonville, Mo. where they reared their three sons, Keith, Herschel, and Harold.

Marion Keith, born Apr. 4, 1910, drowned while swimming in the Missouri River June 23, 1931.

Herschel Le Roy, born Jan. 17, 1912, married Matilda Jewett May 2, 1936. They had seven children, Theodore Benjamin, Robert Lee, Donald David, Nancy Lou, John Clark, Mary Kay, and Herschel Le Roy, Jr. (deceased). Herschel, a general contractor, has retired in Houston, Mo.

Henry Harold, born Jan. 17, 1916, married Harriett Hoffman. Their children are Donna Dell and Keith. Harold retired in Kansas City from employment with Rock Island Railroad.

From his youth, Roy, Henry's third son, was an engineer on a boat, "The Croft," on the Great Lakes. Roy, Bert, Mary, and Herschel Le Roy, Jr. are all buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville.

After Martha died, Henry married Alice King. They had a son, Orville, (Oct. 2, 1907-Dec. 1, 1907). This marriage ended in divorce.

Later Henry married Martha Wilson. After her death, he left Gladstone in the mid 1920's to live with his son, Bert, in Boonville. He died July 3, 1929. Burial was in the Rastorfer Cemetery near his two little sons and beside his first wife, Martha Lanman Rastorfer. *by Mrs. James U. Rastorfer*

## JAMES ULYSSES RASTORFER

James Ulysses Rastorfer, son of John B. and Mary Ann Kelly Rastorfer was born on the (since 1869) "Rastorfer Farm" two miles southeast of Gravois Mills. (See Rastorfer and John Kelly biographies.)

He attended Gravois Mills Schools, graduating there with the first two-year high school class (1924), then graduating from Versailles High School (1926). He attended Southwest Baptist College, and Central Missouri State University. He taught four years, leaving that profession for full-time farming.

Always with his father when possible, he began young assisting with farmwork, first plowing at age 10 with a walking plow. As a youth, he had helped with every type farm job, even acquiring blacksmithing skills from his father. He liked

Mr. and Mrs. James Rastorfer

farming. He loved this land where he had learned farming, but, with the formation of the Lake of the Ozarks, he learned first-hand what it meant to be driven from fields beloved by him, his father and grandfather before him as their rich bottom cropland was inundated.

Wayne and Ann Elaine (Rastorfer) Snelling

As the hills were not suited to diversified farming, the type he then practiced, he went in 1931 to a farm five miles northwest of Stover which he still operates, but now as a hay and cattle farm. Throughout these years he has kept registered Angus cattle. Along with farming, he worked 10 years for Smithson Inc., Stover and 10 years as Stover's Route 1 substitute mail carrier.

He united with Gravois Mills Baptist Church in 1923. He moved his membership to First Baptist Church, Stover, in 1932; was ordained deacon in 1938; was Chairman of Deacons 30 years; taught Sunday School classes; aided other departments of church work. He prepared better for Christian service by taking many Seminary Courses and Bible studies.

He was long active in the Lamine Baptist Association, holding various official positions, including serving on the Executive Board since 1952, serving as Moderator six years, and as Assistant Moderator several years.

July 20, 1928 James married Nellie Mae McCray, daughter of Thomas and Lillian Carr McCray. (See McCray and Dr. Carr biographies). A Versailles High School graduate (1927)

she attended Southwest Baptist College, Southwest Missouri State University, and Central Missouri State University, receiving her B.S. in Education there. She taught rural schools, worked for Missouri Health and Welfare Department almost four years; resumed teaching in Stover School; and is now retired. Both are charter members of the Morgan County Historical Society.

Their one daughter, Ann Elaine, a Stover high school graduate, attended Southwest Baptist College, married Wayne Snelling, World War II Veteran; Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient; with U.S. Postal Service since 1950. They live in Springfield, Missouri; are active in National Heights Baptist Church; both Sunday School teachers; Wayne a deacon; Ann Elaine, as Church Hostess, has prepared Wednesday evening dinner for an average of 80 people every week since 1966; children, Wanda, Ronald, Kenneth.

Wanda married Charles Knoepker; lives in Independence, Missouri. He is Assistant Vice President, Bank of Independence. She is Personnel Manager for a Kansas City furniture firm.

Ronald married Beth Pryor of Springfield; both Drury College graduates; live in Baton Rouge; both attend Louisiana State University, Ronald working on Ph. D. in Chemistry, Beth to receive Masters in Secondary Education (1979); Beth teaches Science in Baton Rouge Schools.

Kenneth works in Parts Department in an Auto Agency in Tulsa, Oklahoma

With the farm, his church, his Sunday School class, Associational work, and, only occasionally, fishing, James isn't really retired. *Nellie Mae Rastorfer*

## JOHN B. RASTORFER

John B. Rastorfer was born in Centralia, Illinois Jan. 12, 1861, the son of John Ulysses and Amelia Meyer Rastorfer. His father came from Switzerland in 1852 and his mother from Germany a year later. The family settled on a farm southeast of Gravois Mills when he was eight years old. There he spent the rest of his life. (See John Ulysses Rastorfer biography)

John B. Rastorfer Family
*Seated:* Mary Ann and John B.; *Standing:* Maud, Charles, Hazel, James.

He shared in the work of carving a productive farm out of wilderness. He shared his educational advantage with his father who studied his children's schoolbooks with them because of his love for learning and his desire for proficiency in the English language.

Like his father and older brother Henry, he was a master blacksmith. After operating a blacksmith shop a few years in Gravois Mills, he quit to farm full-time but continued to do his own blacksmithing and some for his neighbors.

Mary Ann Kelly, of Scotch-Irish descent, daughter of John and Rachel Lytle Kelly, was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania Feb. 4, 1867. She came to Missouri with her family about 1885.

On May 23, 1889 John B. Rastorfer and Mary Ann Kelly were married. They built a house on his father's farm which they eventually owned, and lived there all their married life.

They had four children:

Maud Bell (1890-1940) married William Caywood (1882-1977) on Jan. 18, 1914. They lived on her father's farm, operating a portion of it, and occupying the former home of her grandfather rebuilt after 1880 cyclone. They had three daughters, Lois (Wittrock); Nellie (Power); and Elsie (Marriott).

Charles Helms (May 29, 1893-Mar. 29, 1922) saw hard service in World War I fighting with the 2nd Division — 12th Field Artillery in five major battles: Soissons sector, Marne; Marbache; Saint Mihiel; Blanc Mont Sector, Champagne advance; Argonne-Muese. After the war ended he served almost nine months with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Rachel Hazel (1899-1976) and Ira Clayton Cook (1900-1965) were married Nov. 12, 1938. They lived on the Rastorfer farm. Ira hauled milk many years. They had two children, Raymond Clayton, stillborn; and Kinton Marvin (married Sharon Butts).

James Ulysses — married Nellie Mae McCray July 20, 1928; had one daughter, Ann Elaine (Snelling); taught school several years, worked 10 years at Smithson's, Inc. (Stover), was substitute rural mail carrier 10 years, farmed near Stover since 1931.

John B., forced to sell his choice acres with the coming of the Lake, retained the hill land with his home where he died Dec. 14, 1937. Mary Ann, almost 100 years old, died Oct. 2, 1966 at the home of her son James where she had lived many years. Both are buried in the Silvey Cemetery. Both were longtime members of Gravois Mills Baptist Church. *by Mrs. James U. Rastorfer*

## JOHN ULYSSES RASTORFER

In 1852 John Ulysses Rastorfer came to America from Switzerland where he was born June 27, 1827, bringing with him his trade skills, blacksmithing and wagonmaking, which continued to prove valuable to him and his community.

John Ulysses and Amelia (Meyer) Rastorfer

He married Amelia Meyer in St. Louis, Jan. 26, 1855.

Amelia Meyer was born in Berlin, Germany, Dec. 19, 1835. In 1853 she came to America with her parents and three brothers, Leo, Clestine, and Joe. Adverse winds lengthened the voyage to three months, time enough for Leo, age 22, to fall in love with the ship's cook, Frances Marzic, a French-Bohemian girl.

When they reached America, Mrs. Meyer and her sons went on to their appointed destination. Mr. Meyer was ill with cholera. Eighteen year old Amelia remained and cared for him until he died, then journeyed on to join her family.

In time, Clestine settled in Illinois; Joe went to Kansas and they never knew what happened to him; Leo married his voyage-found love, Frances Marzic. They settled in south Morgan County near Leo's sister Amelia. Present Morgan County Clerk, Miss Florence Meyer, is their youngest grandchild.

After their marriage, John Ulysses and Amelia Rastorfer lived in Centralia, Illinois until after their fifth child was born, then came to Missouri where five more children were born to them. For a time, they lived near Centertown, Mo., then, about 1869, settled permanently on a farm two miles southeast of Gravois Mills where they developed a productive farm out of wilderness, and John Ulysses became a prominent farmer and stockman.

Their children were:

Henry (1856-1929) married Martha Lanman; children — Bert, Roy, and Willie (died age three). Then married Alice King; infant Orville died. Later married Martha Wilson

Annie (1858-1918) married Rudolph Hachler; children — Emmet, Tom, Anna, Fred, Cora, Steven, and Will.

John B. (1861-1937) married Mary Ann Kelly; children — Maud, Charles, Hazel, and James Ulysses.

Franklin (1864-1892) married Margaret Kelly; children — Rosa and Frank.

Mary (1866-1887) married James Hilderbrand.

Josephine (1869-1932) married Josiah Madole; children — John, Lela, and Willard.

Emma (1872-1906) married William Kays; children — Effie, Willie, John, Sarah, Tom, Annie, Mamie, and Nellie.

Charles (1875-1953) married Berdine Holst; children — Elmer, Bessie, Earl, and Basil.

Edward (1877-1964) first married Rhoda Marriott; children — Lena and Clarence (died in infancy). Then married Margaret Bowman; children — Merle, Claudine, John, and Berniece.

An infant (died)

Amelia was Catholic. John Ulysses was not, but when St. Patrick's Church was built, he helped, diligently using his blacksmith skills in various ways, including keeping the stonecutters tools sharp. After the church was completed, he accompanied Amelia to the services until some zealous members, probably thinking to hasten his decision to become a member, told him they would rather no one but members attended. Amelia said, "If John isn't welcome, I'm not either." They never went again.

About 5:30 P.M. April 18, 1880 a terrible cyclone that left a path of death and destruction across the county destroyed the home of Amelia's brother, Leo Meyer, then destroyed the double log house of the Rastorfers about two miles distant, blowing away the family and the house to the floor, leaving the table, readied for supper, undisturbed. Edward, two years old, was found at some distance asleep among scattered house logs. No one was seriously injured.

Amelia Meyer Rastorfer died December 4, 1903. John Ulysses Rastorfer died December 7, 1907. They were buried in the Rastorfer Cemetery near their home, on their farm in the land they had sought and loved so well. *by Mrs. James U. Rastorfer*

## ELLA RATCLIFF

Miss Ella Ratcliff was born Nov. 26, 1890 in Morgan County, daughter of Frank and Etta Rains Ratcliff. She was a graduate of Draughan's Business College at Springfield, Mo. and attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. She taught several terms of school at Glensted and Bethel rural schools in Morgan County. She was deputy collector of Morgan County for many years. She was an active member of the Versailles Methodist Church.

Her parents, Frank and Etta Rains Ratcliff also had three sons, Dean, (whose children are Bob Ratcliff, now of Eldon, Mo. and Nadean Edwards, now of Prairie Village, Kas.), Earl, who was killed in action in France while serving in the A.A.F. during World War I, member of Company L, 14th Inf., 7th Division, and Charles.

Dean Ratcliff married Mildred Williams of Warrensburg on Sept. 1, 1923. He was born Mar. 24, 1896 and died Oct. 21, 1941.

Miss Ella Ratcliff died Oct. 6, 1977 and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## WALTER RATCLIFF

Walter Ratcliff was born Dec. 27, 1880, a descendant of Simon Ratcliff, who came to Morgan County from Chillicothe, Ohio in 1836 when he was 18 years of age.

Blanche and Walter Ratcliff — 1914

Simon bought "government land" north of where Barnett is now located for $1.25 per acre, and built a home on it. He married Rebecca Comer and they lived on the same farm during their life time. Their children were John, William, Polly, Ruth, Betty, Elmira, Sarah, Martha and Melissa.

One son, William Robert Ratcliff, also lived for many years on the land his father bought when he came to Missouri. He married Anna Maria Burkhart and they had eleven children: Minnie, Walter, Jennie, Josephine, Elizabeth, Bert, Ella, Sudie, Laura, Emma and William.

The oldest son, Walter, of Versailles, married Blanche Boyce on Jan. 29, 1914. Their two daughters are Lois Rank of Slater, Mo. and Ruth Garitson of Wichita, Kas. They have four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Walter and Blanche sold their farm five miles east of Versailles in 1957 and retired from farming.

Blanche Boyce Ratcliff is a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Russell Boyce, who came to Morgan county from near Eldon, Mo. in 1909, after buying the Wm.H. McCollister farm near old Enid, which was located east of Versailles. Their children were Charles, Byron, Thomas, Mont, Lena, Ernest, John, Blanche and Bessie.

Isaac and Elizabeth sold their farm in 1918 and moved to Versailles, where Isaac served as county judge of the eastern district. He lived to be 95 years old and died Oct. 14, 1941.

Before her marriage to Walter Ratcliff, "Miss Blanche" taught in the public schools of Miller and Morgan counties for a few years.

Her father, Isaac Boyce, came with his parents from Pennsylvania in 1866 after he and his father, Richard Boyce, had served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Simon Ratcliff, born 1818, Walter's grandfather

They moved from Pennsylvania, near Pittsburg, to Jefferson City, Mo. entirely by boat, traveling on four rivers, the Alleghany, Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri. Ox teams hauled their household goods to a farm near the place where Eldon is now located.

The Ratcliff and Boyce families have looked on the Barnett and Versailles area as their home for many years. *Blanche Ratcliff*

## JAMES MOTE RENO

Mote Reno

James Mote Reno was born in Jefferson City, Mo. in 1877, the exact date unknown. His family name was Richmond. As a young boy going to school for the first time Mote told his teacher, when asked his name, that it was James Mote Reno and he was never known by his legal name of James Richmond. He grew up in Jefferson City and had a brother named Inky Richmond.

He came to Versailles as a young man in the 1900's. He married Emma Meadows and lived in Versailles most of his life.

Mote was known for his skill as a chef. He cooked for many years for local fishermen and for fishermen coming to the lake from away. He was well liked and enjoyed staying at the club houses with the townsmen on their fishing trips. He also cooked for the Lions Club in Versailles for many years.

His cooking art also got him a summer job at the Y.M.C.A. camp six miles southeast of Versailles, where he worked for many years.

Mote worked for Dr. and Mrs. M.S. Otten as a janitor at Dr. Otten's office for almost forty-four years. After he retired he lived in a house on Cleveland street in Versailles.

Mote was caretaker at one time in Jefferson City for the House of Representatives. He was a Democrat, a member of the Second Baptist Church and a good friend of many Versailles people.

Mote died April 12, 1962 at the age of 85. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. *by Mrs. M.S. Otten*

## AMOS GREEN RICHARDSON

Amos Richardson, born in Northern England in the early 1600's, married Miss Betty Greene about 1639, and moved to the United States about 30 years later. Their first son was named Amos Greene Richardson, which name was found in about every generation until the 1900's. Richardson and his family first settled around Boston, Mass., where he was listed as merchant, trader, possibly one of the great London guild. He is also listed as a large landowner and practicing lawyer.

William and Nancy Richardson

Members of the family migrated to Virginia and then started west, finally settling in Franklin County, Kentucky, where another Amos Richardson was born, who married Nancy Sanford on Dec. 21, 1813. This family moved to Morgan County in 1828. Six children were to grow up on their farm, northeast of Versailles, which Richardson received in land grants in 1841, Sec. 23, Twp. 44N, Rng. 17W. It lies between Highway 5 and 6 miles north of Versailles bordered by the Glensted road and Moreau River. Their children were: Lavina Dowell, born 1816, Julia, 1818, Delilah Bowan, 1820, Wm. Richardson, 1821, Hardin Greene, 1/4/1834, John D., 1836. One of Amos's sons, William, 1821-1903, and his wife, Nancy, were parents of Jesse, Amos, Margaret, Leonard, Constantine, and William, Jr.

Jesse Richardson was killed during the Civil War, and is buried at Freedom Cemetery. The other sons married and lived in central Missouri, raising their families. Margaret married John Tuttle and they made their home in Kansas City.

William, Jr. married Ellender Beaman Feb. 6, 1874. They were parents of seven children; Amanda Brown, Rosella

Klein, Wade Richardson (who married Carrie Strickland), Harry Richardson who married Effie McCray, Jesse Richardson, who married Margaret Kaiser, Stella Clark and Elva Wiecken. All are deceased except Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson who live in Wooldridge, Mo. Great-great-grandchildren of Amos Green Richardson of the family of William, Jr. and Ellender Richardson are: Jack Clark, Gladys Brown Draffen, Vencil Klein, Ethel Spaulding, all of Versailles, Marvin Klein, St. Louis, Marjorie Weicken Cooper, Stover, Maynard Weicken, Raymore, Mo., Margaret Clark Wetzel, K.C., Miriam Clark Ward and Martha Clark Ward, Wichita, Ks., Warren Clark, Cross Timbers, Mo., Beatrice Richardson Rogers, Clifton City, Mo., Marian Richardson Dye, Albuquerque, N.M., Jacqueline Richardson Nixon, Wooldridge, Mo., Commander David P. Richardson, U.S. Navy, Alameda, Calif., Elaine Weicken Ellis, Harrisonville, Mo. From the other children of William, Sr., are a number of descendants, most of whom live in Missouri.

## CHARLES RIDLER

Charles Ridler was born in England May 15, 1829 and came with his parents to St. Louis, Mo.

On May 23, 1855 he married Rosana Mack, born near Dublin, Ireland May 3, 1833.

In 1862 he moved his family to Morgan County, Mo. and settled on a farm about six miles northeast of Versailles on what is known as the Glen Deffenbaugh farm.

Their children were James C., Walter W., Isabelle, Louana, Seymore, Lily, Berbie, Lizzie and Joe.

Mr. Ridler died Dec. 8, 1908 and Mrs. Ridler died March 6, 1912. They are buried in the Hopewell Church Cemetery east of Versailles. *by Mrs. Harold Campbell*

## JOSIAH RIFFLE

The Riffles originated from Denmark and were a part of the migration from that Country during the 1500's. This was during the time of the Reformation, persecutions and wars. The Riffle tribe was given their name because their boating skills and their numbers were quite remarkable when they approached and entered the Rhine River. From the mouth of the Rhine to the Alps of Switzerland they accepted the various spelling of their name: Ryfle, Reifel, Rifle, Riffle, Riffel, Ripple and so on. Our branch of the Riffles had sought refuge in or near the Lorraine and Alsace Regions just West of the Rhine, also known as the Rhineland. From 1715-50 the government of France became very shaky and the Riffles were among the many who became immigrants to the American Colonies. They also served in the Revolutionary Was against Britain. There was the exception of a Jacob Riffle who served on the British side and lost an arm. He later established the town of Riffle, W. Va. and the ME Church there.

Margaret Theresa Riffle
Parents Josiah and Margaret

Mathias (Matthew) Riffle was born in the Rhineland in 1730 and came to America in 1750. He married Christine Danner. A son, Melchior Riffle was born in 1754. He saw service in the Revolutionary War. Melchior Riffle married Anna Marie Keil, and begot a son, Barnabas (Bernard) born 1785. Barnabas Riffle married Margaret Riddlemoser, sister to Michael Riddlemoser who had established a settlement for ostracised Catholics leaving Maryland for Pennsylvania. Several Riffles established a town known as New Baltimore with a church, St. John Baptist. A son named Josiah Barnabas was born in 1815, to Barnabas and Margaret. Josiah Riffle married Margaret Flowers. In 1866 they came with their family to Morgan County, Missouri. Josiah having been a merchant in Pennsylvania continued along this line of business. A little town known for years as Riffletown sprang up in South Morgan above where Mill Creek flowed into the Osage River. Upon receiving a Post Office the name was changed to Gladstone. Josiah and Margaret Flowers Riffle were the parents of Margaret Theresa Riffle. Margaret married Nathan Myers. Nathan Myers (Miers) was born 1831 in the Wurttemberg (Wittenberg) region bordering Bavaria, the son of John and Theresa Sweeney Myers. The father, John, had been an officer under Napoleon and served in the Napoleonic Wars. The mother had studied in a University and was a nurse. She followed her husband throughout his service. They came to America prior 1848 with their family with the exception of Nathan who followed in 1848. He landed in New York and joined the family in Youngstown, Penna. at age 17. John and Theresa are buried in Blairsville, Penna. Nathan and Margaret Riffle Myers were parents of Charles Nathan Myers. Charles married Winifred Hill, daughter of Thomas and Mary Adams Hill of Harrisonville, Missouri.

Because of unfortunate circumstances their daughter, Edith Margaret Myers, was taken into the home of her grandparents, Nathan and Margaret Myers. She was raised on Indian Creek. Edith Myers married Charles Wilford Riffle. He was the son of Francis and Elizabeth Lightcap Riffle. Elizabeth Lightcap was descended from Solomon Lightcap, early American and Revolutionary Soldier. Charles was also the grandson of Samuel D. Riffle, brother of Josiah Riffle. From the union of Charles and Edith Myers Riffle were born eleven children. Elizabeth, Francis, D. no children. Marion, M. Helen Melton; four children; Auburn, Ca..; Donald, D. as child; Earnest D. as a child; Doris D. as infant; Teresa, is Sister Mary Aurea CPPS; Wayne D.M. Tashiko in Japan. Two children. Wichita, Kns. Joan M. Wm. Meirer, Lexington, Mo., eleven children; Alfred D. no children. Roberta M. John Hansen. Four children. Divorced. In Samaritan Home, Lawrence, Kns.

Elizabeth Virginia Riffle married Olt Glen (MAC) Andrews, b. Sydney, Nova Scotia. Son of Alf and Jane MacDonald MacAndrews of Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland. Alf owned and operated a merchant vessel. Olt became an American Citizen at the time of his death was Skelly Oil Official in Kansas City. There are eight children. One died pre-birth. John A. married Peggy Jo Taylor. Two children, John and Timothy. John is a Navy Officer. Was in Tonkin Bay. C. Michael married Nancy Bettenhausen. Divorced. Married Helen Gonzales. Two children, James and Shelley Lynn. In Air Force four years. Called up for Bay of Pigs and stationed in Germany. Machinist in Independence, Missouri. Gene F. Unmarried. Lives in Morgan County. Works for a Marina. Joseph D. married Betty Lorina Killip Hilt. Two daughters, Margaret Caren and Cynthia Joe. Two girls of wife's first marriage, Carla and Cathy Hilt, adopted September 1977. Joseph was in Army two years and served in Vietnam. Operates heavy machinery, welds, and is building his own home. Margaret is Sister Margaret, Nurse, St. Mary's Health Center, Jefferson City, Mo. Took noviate in Ireland, resides at St. Joseph Convent, Jefferson City. Janet and Jane, twins. Janet remains at home. Jane married Carl Farr. Divorced. Married Kent Uptegrove. Key punches. No children. Lives in Morgan County. Linda Marie married Richard Batten. Three daughters, Tammy, Fawn and Janina. Living in Alsea, Oregon.

Picture Josiah and Margaret Riffle and a daughter taken in front of "Seven Star Inn" in Old Riffle Town (Gladstone) before 1890. *by Elizabeth Riffle Andrews*

## BENJAMIN F. RITCHIE

Between 1798 and 1800, the U.S. government awarded parcels of land in eastern Tennessee to veterans of the Revolutionary War. Five young North Carolinians named Ritchie (also spelled "Ritchey" in old records) who had served under generals Nathaniel Greene and Anthony Wayne were among those who settled the Smoky Mountains.

Ben Ritchie, grandson of Benjamin F. Ritchie, by ruins of his grandfather's home in the Ritchie Community

In about 1840, a grandson of one of these Revolutionary War veterans arrived in Morgan County. Milas Ritchie, born Mar. 20, 1817, probably was the grandson of Thomas and Rosannah Ritchie, of Blount County, Tenn. At any rate, in the early 1840's, Milas set out with his new bride, Rebecca, for Missouri; joining a strong migration from eastern Tennessee.

Milas Ritchie purchased a large tract of land south and west of Versailles, extending from the church that today bears his name to the prairie south of Stover. He possessed long chin-whiskers and a talent for milling grain. He built a gristmill on Rocky Ford Creek, just west of where Ritchie Baptist Church now stands. The whiskers he wore tucked inside his vest or overall bib when working around the milling equipment.

The Ritchie mill operated during the Civil War, and Milas often neglected to take the miller's share of grain brought to the mill by hungry women and children. Harve Riggs recalled carrying corn to Ritchie mill by horseback as a young boy.

"Mr. Ritchie would make kids stay on their horse or mule, no matter how cold it was, while he ground the grain," said Riggs. "He was afraid we would get hurt around the mill."

The wait probably was not as long as Riggs recalled. The custom for millers was to trade ground grain, measure for measure, for grain brought to the mill.

Milas and Rebecca's first son, Benjamin F., was born Feb. 16, 1844. By 1850, the Ritchie family had grown by two more sons, Ezekiel and Leonard. Three daughters were born in the 1850's: Sarah, Rebecca J. and one daughter whose name has been lost to time. The youngest son, Jefferson Davis, was born Oct. 9, 1861. His mother died the next day.

Ritchie sympathies during the Civil War are not recorded, but two events during the early years indicate that the family may have been divided. Milas named his youngest son after the president of the Confederacy. A few months later, on April 10, 1862, the oldest son, Benjamin, enlisted as a private in Company D, Sixth Missouri Cavalry Regiment, a unit of the Union Army.

From 1862 to 1865, Benjamin Ritchie served in the scout-and-attack unit, and saw action in southwest Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. The Sixth Missouri Cavalry was mustered out in June, 1865, and Benjamin returned to Morgan County.

Shortly afterward, he married Deborah Caldwell. The couple lived on the family farm, south of Versailles, until the death of Milas Ritchie on Aug. 21, 1868. Benjamin and his brothers inherited small farms in the Ritchie community.

Benjamin and Deborah had seven children. Two daughters died in infancy. Thomas, the eldest, never married. Willie married Lula Kinney, Laura married Martin Wilson, Mammie married Louis Huff and Maggie married Roy Stout.

Deborah Caldwell Ritchie died Feb. 3, 1897.

Benjamin F. Ritchie died on July 7, 1897, of injuries suffered three days earlier in a fireworks explosion at the courthouse square in Versailles. It is ironic that a man who risked his life in battle for three years to help preserve the independence of his country should have died in a freak accident at a celebration of the nation's birth. *Submitted by James D. Ritchie*

## WILLIAM L. RITCHIE

William L. Ritchie was one of five children born to Benjamin and Deborah Ritchie, in Morgan County, Mo. His brothers and sisters were Thomas, Laura, Maggie and Mammie.

Willie and Lula Ritchie and sons Benjamin and Henry

William was born June 22, 1875. On Sept. 6, 1908, he was married to Lulia Elizabeth Kinney. They had three children; a daughter who died shortly after birth, and two sons, Benjamin and Henry.

William earned a livelihood as a farmer, a carpenter and in timberwork. He died March 20, 1917, of Bright's disease. At that time, the family lived near West Union Baptist Church.

William Ritchie was buried in the Versailles Cemetery. Lulia Ritchie later married Albert Silvey.

Benjamin Ritchie married Chloie Marriott, daughter of Jesse and Cora Webb Marriott. They have five children. Two sons, James D. and Dwayne live in Morgan County. Carolyn lives at Palmyra, Mo.; Elizabeth Ann lives at Marshall, Mo.; and Reta lives at Olathe, Kan.

Henry Ritchie married Geraldine Bauer, daughter of Atwell and Alpha Bauer. They live in Versailles and have five children. Helen lives in Spencer, Okla. William and Peggy live in Morgan County, Mo. Betty and Patti live in Independence, Mo. *by Peggy Ritchie Porter*

## DR. COY L. ROBERTS

Dr. Coy L. Roberts and his wife, Vivian Sherrill Roberts, came to Versailles from Houston, Mo. in 1918. Dr. Roberts set up an optometry office on the second floor of the First National Bank building at the corner of Newton and Monroe streets north of the courthouse. He was in the optometry business for over forty years until he retired in 1959 and moved with his wife to Willcox, Ariz. He also bought and operated

farms in Morgan and adjoining counties. He was a member of the American Optometrist Association and the Missouri Optometrist Association. He died at the age of 81 in 1970 in Willcox, Ariz. and was buried there.

Mrs. Roberts worked as a clerk in the Ben Franklin Store on the north side of the square for a number of years, was an active member of the Christian Church and the Women's Civic Club. She died in 1975 at Willcox, Ariz. at age 88, and was buried there. She was born at Licking, Mo.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts had two children. Clyde S. Roberts, b. 1915, studied journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia and now owns weekly newspapers at Willcox and Benson, Ariz. Elizabeth Roberts (Richmond) b. 1918, graduated with honors from Versailles High School in 1935 and received her degree in music from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She was a person of rare musical talent, majoring in piano and played professionally in Kansas City and Chicago, Ill. She taught school at Willcox, Ariz. and is now employed at the University of Arizona College of Medicine at Tucson, Ariz. She has one daughter, Pamela, of Tucson.

Clyde Roberts had three children, Jane (Wright), Bill Roberts and Jim Roberts. There are four great-grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. Coy Roberts.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON ROBINSON

George Robinson was born in 1819 in Lankshire, England. As a very young man he loved ships and the sea. He found work on the docks at Portsmouth until he grew old enough to go to sea. He finally was assigned to a merchant ship. He made many trips to New York harbor.

George W. and Maude M. Robinson

After the completion of the Erie and a series of smaller canals, Rochester, New York became an interior city of the exchange of foreign merchandise.

George Robinson loved England, but in the "States" there was the opportunity to represent England on land for the exchange of British imports.

He didn't come to the "states" alone. In 1850, he had married Maude Margaretta Welsh, born 1836 at Lancaster, England, daughter of Edward Welsh and Maude Isabella Welsh of Lancaster.

Her parents thought she was too young to go so far away. They would not see their year-old grandson, George Willard, born 1852 in Lancaster, grow up. They felt they would never see them again.

In 1853 George and his family arrived in Rochester, New York. The countryside around Lake Erie, with the forests and many small lakes, reminded them of England. George had been given a good position in a British Exchange of Merchandise.

By 1861 the Robinson family were happy with their home and their Episcopal Church. In the north and south feelings of discord were felt. George had made plans soon after he arrived in the "States" for a small business of his own. Yet at this time, he felt it was wise to continued in the Exchange.

On April 1, 1862, Isabella Maude Robinson, grandmother of Bonnelle (Manley) White, was born. On December 25, 1865, another daughter, Josephine Frances, was born, whom Maude Margaretta knew would complete the family circle. She was critically ill at the time and died after a long illness in September 1866. Relatives of George took the girls to their homes as members of their families in Syracuse, New York. George Willard remained with his father.

In September of 1877 George Washington Robinson left Rochester for England to visit his relatives in Lankshire. None of Isabella's or Maude Margaretta's near relatives were living in her home town.

Not far from Portsmouth, but not close enough, George Washington Robinson died at sea and, with the shipboard ceremony, was buried at sea so close to England.

His personal effects were returned to his son and daughters along with the official death notice stating that the cause was dilatation of the heart.

That spring on May 13th, 1877, at her aunt's home in Batavia, Genesee County, New York, the Reverend D.D. Brown, pastor of the Baptist Church, had read the marriage ceremony of Isabella Maude Robinson and James Runyon Lee. He was the son of the Reverend Moses Dayton Lee and Susan (Stansberg) Stansberry Lee of Elba, New York.

James Runyon Lee and Isabella Maude (Robinson) Lee are the grandparents of Bonnelle, Mrs. Andrew F. White of Versailles, Missouri. *by Bonnelle White*

## REV. JEHU ROBINSON

Jehu Robinson was born Feb. 26, 1820, in Washington County, Indiana. In 1840, he moved with his parents to Henry County, near Calhoun, Mo. On May 16, 1844, he married Mary Jane Renfrow. They had 10 children. She died Nov. 17, 1881.

Jehu Robinson moved to Springfield, Mo., in 1858. He had begun preaching in 1848. In 1863, he moved to Cooper County, Mo. In 1870, he did missionary work in Polk County, Mo.

In 1883, he was re-married, to Matilda Sims Ball, widow of William S. Ball and a daughter of James Sims, a Morgan County pioneer. He was minister of Cole Spring Baptist Church, southwest of Russellville, Mo., and on Sept. 28, 1890, conducted dedication services for the new church building there.

He was a Baptist minister for 53 years, and a Mason for many years. He lived in the Bogar (later known as Bethel) school district. He died April 17, 1902 and is buried in Freedom Baptist Church Cemetery, north of Versailles. The Versailles Statesman wrote of Rev. Robinson: "He accomplished an immense amount of good in his day, and no church, no community, no state, ever boasted of a better man in all respects. He fought a good fight and finished his course, and he died as he had lived — loved by all good people."

## HENRY RODENBACH

Henry Rodenbach was born in Morgan County, Mo., on Nov. 3, 1874. On Nov. 5, 1903, he married Nettie Duvel. They moved from the Richland area to Flat Creek, north east of Florence. He was engaged in farming and livestock raising.

Henry and Nettie had three children: Wilbert, Pauline and Leta. Wilbert was born Aug. 3, 1906; Pauline, Dec. 9, 1908; and Leta, Oct. 7, 1912. The Rodenbach children attended Harmony School, just across the road from the family home. Teachers were Ray Parsons, Ada Brunkhorst, Gertrude Cramer and Mary Keck.

In 1918, the family moved to Pettis County and lived west of Sedalia for two years. Then, the Rodenbachs moved to a

Nettie (Duvel) Rodenbach

farm on Haw Creek, west of Florence. The children completed school at Oakland. The Rodenbach family were members of UCC Church in Florence.

Henry Rodenbach

Henry Rodenbach died June 15, 1951, and is buried at the UCC Cemetery at Florence. Nettie stayed on the farm, operated by Wilbert, as long as she was able. She died on Dec. 16, 1967, and is buried in the UCC Church Cemetery.

Wilbert Rodenbach married Dorothy Chilcoat on Oct. 28, 1933. They farmed and raised livestock. Later on, Wilbert did carpentry work and painting. They had one daughter: Linda. Dorothy worked at Lamy Manufacturing and Rival Manufacturing at Sedalia. Linda is married and has one child, Michelle. She works for Bell Telephone in Michigan. Wilbert Rodenbach died Jan. 22, 1964, and is buried in the UCC Cemetery at Florence. After Dorothy retired, she moved to Michigan to be with her daughter and family.

Pauline Rodenbach married Arthur Houchen on Dec. 3, 1939. Arthur, an automotive mechanic, operated a filling station in Florence. Later, he sold the station and worked for Missouri Farmers Association. After MFA went out of business, he did carpenter work and painting with his brother. Arthur died Aug. 17, 1972. Pauline worked at Lamy Manufacturing, and later, at Tipton Manufacturing Company. She and Arthur have three children: Eva, Wayne and Margaret.

Eva Houchen married Ralph Oldham. They live at Syracuse; Ralph works at construction, Eva raises hogs. They have two boys, Gary and Curtis. Gary married Terri Wolf of Tipton. Curtis is still at home.

Wayne Houchen lives at Sedalia. He has two daughters, Tammy and Diana, and works at construction. Margaret Houchen married Robert Buckler, who works at construction in Sedalia. Margaret works as a cook for the Stover school. They have three children, all attending Stover schools: Ilena, Robert and Michael.

Leta Rodenbach married Jewell Woolery. They live at Sedalia. Jewell worked for Missouri Public Service until he retired. Leta worked as cook and waitress at several restaurants. Jewell and Leta have two children: Yvonne and John. Yvonne married and has two children: Vicky and Bobby. John served in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he worked in Kansas City for some time, then was transferred to California. *by Pauline Houchen*

## JOHN CHRISTIAN RODENBACH

John Christian Rodenbach, born in Germany July 24, 1839, came to the United States with his mother, three sisters and an uncle and settled on a small farm in northeast Morgan County.

He married Margaret Mertgen, who also came from Germany with her parents, she was born Aug. 4, 1849. Christian and Margaret lived on a farm east of Florence, Mo. on Richland Creek. Their children were Conrad, Katherine, Henry, Louise (better known as Lulu) and Ida.

Christian and Margaret moved from Richland Creek to a farm north of Florence on Flat Creek. Christian died Dec. 11, 1911. Margaret lived on the farm with her son, Henry, and his family and later moved to Florence. She died April 13, 1939.

Conrad married Katie Wendleton and they lived north of Florence on Flat Creek. He later moved to a farm northeast of Sedalia, Mo. and farmed until he retired. He then moved to town. They had two daughters, Eva and Thelma. They are all deceased.

Katherine was born July 17, 1861. She was married to August Kanenbly and they lived on a farm on Richland Creek near Syracuse, Mo. They had one son, Raymond. When August died March 25, 1920, Raymond took over the farm. Katherine (Kate) moved to Florence and took care of her mother. Kate died Sept. 5, 1959.

Henry was born Nov. 3, 1874. He married Nettie Duvel. They lived on a farm north of Florence, Mo. on Flat Creek. Their children were Wilbert, Pauline and Leta.

Henry and his family later moved to a farm northwest of Sedalia, Mo. Later they moved to a farm west of Florence on Haw Creek. Henry died June 15, 1951. Nettie died Dec. 16, 1967.

Louise (Lulu) married William Bremer of Florence, Mo. They lived west of Florence on a farm on Hawk Creek. They have five children, Edwin, Carl, Omer, Paul and Olga. After William died Lulu moved to Florence and their son, Carl, took over the farm.

Ida married Joe Smith and they lived on a farm north of Smithton. Their children were Nelson, Nolen, Mary, Charles, Jack (who died when quite young), June and Bobby.

Ida and Joe moved from the farm into Smithton and Joe worked as a mechanic. After he retired they moved west of Otterville. *by Pauline Houchen*

## JAMES W. ROE

Zarilda Lee married Samuel Roe at Proctor, Mo. To this union was born four boys and one girl: Will, Kelly, James, Sam and Mollie.

James W. was born Feb. 25, 1866 and married Alice Willson, Nov. 25, 1888. She was born in Proctor, Sept. 29, 1870, the daughter of John Asbury Willson born July 14, 1846. John A. Willson was a judge in Morgan County for several years, and he died in 1917. Amanda, his wife, died in 1932. They are both buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

James W. and Alice had three children: Charles Ross, born 1891, Alexander Lee born 1893, Mollie Opal born 1904.

J.W. Roe

Alice Roe

Charles Ross married Anna B. Scheer of Jefferson City, and they had one child Patricia Ann who died in 1931. Ross died in 1975 having lived on The Lake of The Ozarks and in Versailles for several years.

Alexander Lee married Rebecca Kurtz. Lee died March 25, 1924. He and his wife, Rebecca are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Mollie Opal married Donnan Kleber Hunter Feb. 1, 1925 and had three boys: James Donnan, William Ross, Larry Lee.

James D. and William R. live in Versailles. Larry lives in Melbourne Beach, Florida.

Don and Opal celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Feb. 1, 1975. *by M. Opal Hunter*

## THOMAS CLARK ROE

Thomas C. Roe was born in 1851 to Joseph and Elizabeth Forster Roe, in Tennessee. He grew up in Tennessee, and in the 1870's, came to Morgan County. He had one brother, George, and two sisters: Eveline (Aunt Ev) and Lou. Lou married Tom Marriott.

Thomas Clark Roe married Martha Silvey, daughter of James and Emaline Shadwick Silvey. Thomas was a miner and part-time farmer in Morgan County. He and Jacob Craycroft mined tiff (barite) in the hills of Morgan County, hoping to find more precious minerals. While prospecting the hills south of Versailles, the two miners in 1875 discovered a cave, which later was named Jacob's Cave and has been developed into a popular natural wonder in Morgan County.

Four children were born to Thomas and Martha Roe: Alice, Joseph, Katie Ann and Virginia Lee. Katie Ann married Billy Stevenson and Virginia married Marion Wilson. Martha Silvey Roe died in 1883.

After her death, Thomas Roe married Tabitha Wood, daughter of Toliver Wood of Bagnell. To them were born Mary Elizabeth and Bill. Tabitha died within six years of her marriage to Tom Roe, and he married a third time, to Lilly Rhodus. One child, Ethel, was born to this marriage.

Thomas Clark Roe died in 1929, at the age of 78, at the home of his daughter, in Kansas City, Mo. *Submitted by Mrs. Harold Campbell*

## JOHN GEORGE ROITER

John George Roiter was born Aug. 6, 1806 in Austria. Died Aug. 18, 1887 at the Roiter homestead near Stover.

John George Roiter and his wife, Elizabeth Malzner, came from the village of Schmittham, Austria about 1852, bringing with them their six children: Catherine, born May 1, 1840; Elizabeth, born Jan. 20, 1842; Josephine, born in 1844; Franziska, born June 18, 1846; Joseph, born April 2, 1848; Theresa, born Oct. 25, 1849.

John George and Elizabeth (Malzner) Roiter

They came to Missouri from Upper Austria and settled in Morgan County on a farm on Richland Creek, seven miles west of Versailles in Haw Creek Township. The nearest town was Stover. Here two more children were born: Gustav, born Jan. 19, 1855 and Pauline, born in 1858.

The John Roiter family were active members of the German Lutheran Church of Stover and two daughters married Lutheran ministers.

Elizabeth (Malzner) Roiter was born Oct. 17, 1817 in Austria and died Dec. 6, 1899.

John George and Elizabeth Roiter are buried in the cemetery south of Stover, Mo.

The children of John George and Elizabeth Roiter were:

Catherine, born May 1, 1840, died May 17, 1927 at Stover, Mo. Married May 4, 1858 to Michael Kraxberger, born July 6, 1834 and died July 23, 1901. They lived in the Stover community and their children were Elizabeth, Theresa (Bauer), John and Michael.

Elizabeth, born Jan. 20, 1842 and died Nov. 29, 1931, Stover, Mo. Married Aug. 12, 1863 to Frederick Spearschneider who was a blacksmith at Stover. They had one son, Louis. Frederick died in 1884.

Josephine, born 1844, died 1884, Stover, Mo. She married Nov. 29, 1865 William Henry White Argenbright, born Feb. 2, 1837, died Apr. 13, 1925. Bill served in the Civil War MSM 8th Regiment Co. "I" Cavalry for four years. Josephine died at the birth of her youngest son, Benjamin. Children: John L., William M., Joseph P., George E., Josephine (Knoop), Estella (Hunter), Martha (Browning), and Benjamin.

Franziska, born June 18, 1846, died Dec. 28, 1933 at Maumee, Ohio. Married on Nov. 23, 1870 at Versailles to Rev. Ludwig C. Schober, who was born June 2, 1848 in Bavaria and died Sept. 14, 1946 at Maumee, Ohio. Schober was a Lutheran minister at Taos, Mo., and Ottawa Lake and New Haven, Mich. Children: Christian, Julius, Elizabeth (Dawson), Martin, Marie and George.

Joseph, born April 2, 1848, died April 11, 1938 at Seneca, Mo. He was a bachelor and a salesman of patent medicines.

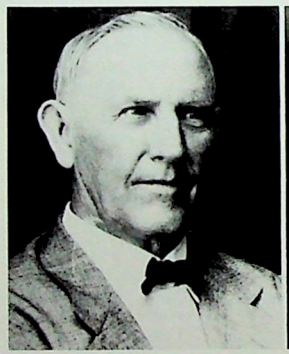
John Geo. and Elizabeth Roiter, Catherine Kraxberger, Franziska Schrober, Gustav Roiter, Elizabeth Spearschneider, Theresa Gerlt, Joseph Roiter

Theresa born Oct. 25, 1849, died Feb. 25, 1933 Stover, Mo. Married April 16, 1874 to Henry Gerlt, who was born 1846 in Germany and died March 20, 1918. Children were Elizabeth (Bauer), Josephine (Bauer), Daniel, Julius, Gustav and Christ.

Gustav, born Jan. 19, 1855, died July 15, 1921. Married Katherine Williams, who died with her infant daughter, Maud, Oct. 17, 1886. Gustav's second wife was Christina Wittrock, born June 20, 1869 and died Aug. 14, 1955. Their children: Selma (Goetze), Lily (Nudermeyer), Delia (Scrivner), Pauline (Hottman), Huldah (Winner), and Olga (Swensen).

Pauline, born 1858, and died 1885. Married Rev. Daniel Dietz on June 16, 1881. He was then the Lutheran minister at Pyrmont. Later he went to serve the congregation at St. Donatus, Iowa. Lena died there, and their only son died shortly thereafter. Daniel Dietz was born Sept. 5, 1857 at Eagle Pt., Iowa and died near Stover, Mo. 1925, where he is buried. *by Michael Sibbersen*

## DR. H.M. ROSS



Dr. H.M. Ross

Mrs. H.M. Ross

Harvey Minter Ross was born Sept. 19, 1871 near Pilot Grove, Mo. the son of Rev. John H. and Hannah E. Headlee Ross, who came to Missouri from Tennessee. He was the youngest of nine children.

He moved with his parents to a farm on the Lamine River southeast of Otterville, where he grew to manhood. He received his education at the old Otterville College.

On Oct. 15, 1893 he married Martha Lee Bane, daughter of Robert Lee and Martha Ann Goodwin Bane, who were married in Hampshire County, Va. in 1858 and came to Missouri horseback that year. They settled in Clark County, Mo. then moved to a farm south of Otterville, Mo. where they lived until their deaths.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross lived on her parents' homestead where he practiced veterinary medicine and farmed. Their children born there were Bane Leroy, Nov. 30, 1894, Harvey M. Jr., April 13, 1902 and Lee Anna, Jan. 6, 1910.

In 1913 Dr. and Mrs. Ross and family moved by train to Versailles. Mrs. Ross died July 1, 1932. Bane Ross presently lives in Versailles, Mo. H.M. married Hazel Bailey. He died in April, 1946.

Lee Anna married Kieffer R. Lehman in Dec. 1928 and they live in Red Oak, Ia. Their children are Keiffer Ross, who married Betty Gammell and lives at St. Paul, Minn. Their children are Debra Lee, Angela, Fern, James Ross, Dee Ann and Wendy Rae.

Harvey Edwin married Marlene Maxwell and lives in Rockford, Ill. Their children: David Scott, Craig Alan and Krista Kay.

Lee Carole married Leo R. Grossman and lives in Wabasso, Mn. Their children: Sheila Lynn, Shawn Ray and Melissa Lee.

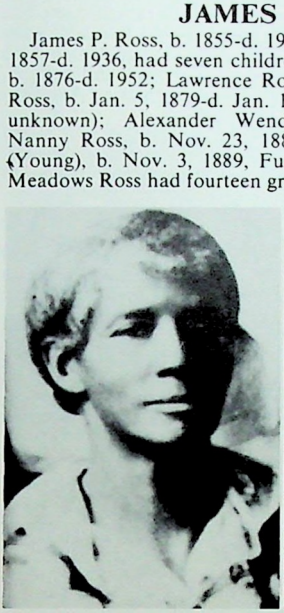
Dr. Ross, who was avid and well known sportsman, practiced veterinary medicine in Versailles until ill health forced him to retire in 1950.

At this time he moved to the home of his daughter at Red Oak, Ia. where he died June, 1950.

Keiffer Ross Lehman was born Nov. 29, 1930; Harvey Edwin was born Jan. 1, 1937 and Lee Carole, Feb. 16, 1946. *by Mrs. Lee Anna Ross Lehman*

## JAMES P. ROSS

James P. Ross, b. 1855-d. 1928 and Jane Meadows Ross, b. 1857-d. 1936, had seven children: Maggie Ross McClanahan, b. 1876-d. 1952; Lawrence Ross, b. 1877-d. 1927; Walter A. Ross, b. Jan. 5, 1879-d. Jan. 13, 1962; David P. Ross (dates unknown); Alexander Wendell Ross, (dates unknown); Nanny Ross, b. Nov. 23, 1888, Versailles; Josephine Ross (Young), b. Nov. 3, 1889, Fulton. James P. Ross and Jane Meadows Ross had fourteen grandchildren.



Jane Meadows Ross

James P. Ross

Nanny Ross married Beverly Hunter, b. Jan. 19, 1883-d. Apr. 7, 1958, on June 17, 1909. They had one son, Beverly Lavett, b. Aug. 9, 1911-d. Sept. 2, 1960.

The Ross name came from Judge James P. Ross, a white man, who raised Nanny's father, his mother and sister in his home. Judge Ross gave the land for the site of the Second Baptist Church and Booker T. Washington School, South Monroe Street, Versailles, Mo.

Nanny worked as a waitress at the old Martin Hotel for many years and later was matron of the public rest rooms in the Morgan County Courthouse.

Beverly Hunter worked for John Hannay, publisher of the Versailles Leader, a Democrat publication, when the paper was printed in the east basement of the courthouse. At the same time the Statesman, a Republican publication was printed in the west basement of the courthouse. The presses were run by gasoline engines that could be heard by people walking across the courthouse lawn. Beverly started working as a printer's devil and worked up to the position of printer and press operator. He retired from the Statesman in 1944.

## MADISON M. ROSS

A favorite uncle of mine, Monte E. Ross, was born in 1887 at Tomlin Springs, Bethlehem Church area, Florence, Mo. as was also my mother Bettie F. Ross Wiley. I am Lela Wiley Roudebush and now live in Redwood City, Calif. but was born in Missouri and my roots go back to Morgan County so I was happy to be asked by my cousin Ilene Sims Yarnell to send some information on the Ross family. This information was gleaned from the Ross family Bible published 1855, old newspaper clippings, letters from Ilene Yarnell, etc.

My grandmother, Annie Kuykendall was married to Jacob Stephens Nov. 16, 1865 in Morgan County by Rev. James Logan. Their children were Ida Bell and Margaret. Jacob died in 1870 at age 27. Annie Stephens was married to Madison M. Ross on Aug. 1, 1878 in Morgan County by Rev. Logan. Madison Ross was a widower, his wife Sarah Martin Ross having died in 1876. Their children were James, William, Mary Fannie, Dosia and Charlotte. Jimmie, Fannie and Dosia were the only three living when my grandmother married Grandpa Ross but it was a big family with grandpa's three and her two daughters.

Madison M. Ross was born Jan. 30, 1838 and died Mar. 25, 1904. Annie Stephens Ross was born Sept. 12, 1847 and died Mar. 4, 1932. She is buried in I.O.O.F. cemetery, Otterville, Mo. having lived all her life around Morgan County. They had five children all born in Morgan County. My mother Bettie F. Ross born Dec. 6, 1880 and died at my home in Redwood City, CA on July 17, 1954. Charlie F. Ross was born in 1882 and died 1883. Lelia Ann Ross Morris born 1883, died 1921. Montie E. Ross born 1887, died 1945. Churchill W. Ross born 1890, died 1944.

I have digressed a bit from my original thought of giving you a bit of a story about my Uncle Montie Ross as family history has been my hobby for a number of years. Montie Ross was a very courageous man. When a young lad a disease of the bone caused him to lose a leg. Later on he was fitted with an artificial limb and walked with only a slight limp. Early in life he learned the tailoring trade and became a fine men's tailor. My family moved to Moline, Ill. and Montie also moved there. We children all loved him and admired him for his quick wit and kind nature. He married Myrtle Fowler, a schoolteacher, in 1925 and moved to Milwaukee, Wis. where they lived until my Aunt Myrtle retired and they moved back to Moline. His health was failing and in 1943 he decided to move back to his beloved Missouri. They bought a home in Smithton where he died on Aug. 26, 1945.

I was born in Jefferson City, Mo. in 1907 and my sister Anna was also born there in 1906. We moved back to Otterville when I was four. John and Alma, the twins, were born in 1913. Our father John Minor Wiley died in Moline, Ill. in 1945. Our family in California is now a very large one but we all still think of Missouri as such a beautiful place to stem from. *Lela A. Wiley Roudebush*

## NELSON N. ROUSE

Nelson N. Rouse, Jr., the son of Nelson N. Rouse, Sr., and Irene Sweeney Rouse, was born April 18, 1921, in Mason, a small town in Ingham County, Michigan. On April 18, 1942, he married Henrietta K. Miller, who was born November 17, 1921, the daughter of Emory and Mina Matthieson Miller, of Fowlerville, Mich.

They had three children. George E. was born June 2, 1943; Deitra S. was born Nov. 30, 1947, and Brenda K. was born April 4, 1951. Nelson was a farmer; Henrietta worked in the offices of Oldsmobile Corporation, at Lansing, Mich.

On Aug. 6, 1966, George married Mary Ann Nottingham of Stockbridge, Mich.

In March, 1967, due to high taxes and inadequate farm land in Michigan, Nelson and his two daughters began the family exodus to Morgan County, after purchasing farms from Morris Lammert and Fred Helmrick, north of Versailles. Henrietta joined her family in November and began her work with various agencies of the state of Missouri, including the Division of Mental Health.

In the spring of 1968, George and Mary Ann Rouse also moved to Morgan County to assist with the farm. George and Mary Ann have two children: Jana Lynn, born on her mother's birthday in 1969, and Jennifer Lea, born Mar. 30, 1973.

On June 5, 1971, after graduation from Northeast Missouri State University, Dietra Rouse married Garry L. Miley of Kirksville, Mo. Both teachers, Dietra and Garry have one child, Kristi Lynn, born Sept. 20, 1976.

After her graduation from Indiana State University, Brenda Rouse married Michael Derby, of Brewer, Maine, on Sept. 1, 1973.

In the fall of 1970, George and Mary Ann Rouse purchased from James Vogel a farm adjacent to the Rouse property. Their acquisition of the Benton Ball farm near Versailles in 1977 expanded the family farm further.

The Rouse family intends to remain in Morgan County, to take an active part in agricultural and civic affairs and atempt to contribute to the history of this community.

## VINCEL ROUTON

The Routon name is believed to be French and came to this land when a widow with two boys left Europe to escape the Huguenot persecutions.

Mrs. Routon and Vencil Routon — 1968

The earliest American records of the Routons, to my knowledge, is in the Wills and Administrations of Elizabeth City, Virginia. Richard Routon in right of his wife sued George Burtonhead for trespass, on February 19, 1693 or 94. Richard Routon's estate was appraised by Geo. Minon, John Dunn, and Thomas Minon, and signed by his wife Dorothy Routon Sept. 7, 1749 — Daniel Routon witnessed the Will of Sophia Brown, December 2, 1755, and another Richard Routon witnessed the Will of William Lewis, November 26, 1792.

I believe that Richard Routon was the father of Richard R. Routon who died in Bedford County, Va., who in a Will dated August 15, 1791 — Bedford County — and proved 17 February 1792 named his sons and daughters as John, James, Richard, Nancy, Sarah, and also mentions Elizabeth James and Rachel Routon.

Richard Routon was an Artillery Corporal in Capt. Nathaniel Burwell's company in Col. Charles Harrison's Regt. He enlisted March 9, 1777 for a 3 year term and was at Valley Forge, White Plains, N.Y., and Morristown, N.J. John Routon married Hannah Palmer and their children were William, Reuben, Joshua, Stephen, Phillip and Frances.

Reuben Routon was born c.a. 1788 in Virginia. The family consisted of Joseph D., born 1812 and died 21 June 1877 Morgan County; Stephen; Mary; Martha; Elizabeth born c.a. 1822 Logan County Ky.; Dela born c.a. 1824 Logan County Ky.; William N. born 18 Sept. 1827 Ky. died 20 March 1900 Rocky Mount, Mo.; John born c.a. 1829 Ky.; and Sally F. born c.a. 1833 Logan County Ky. William married Ann Mariat Burkhart 18 May 1851 Morgan County.

The family immigrated from Virginia to Logan County Kentucky where they lived in the 1820's and early 1830's. Sometime in the 1830's or 1840's Joseph D. Routon moved to Morgan County. His first wife was Nancy Ann. To this marriage was born Reuben 1839 Ky.; Hannah 1841 Ky.; Joseph R. 1843 Ky.; Alexander 1844 Ky.; Zuehariah H. "Julian" 1846 Ky.; Deliala Ann 1849 Mo. The Morgan County 1830 census shows that Joseph D. Routon's father Reuben had also moved to Morgan County with his children Elizabeth, Delila, William, John, Sally, Mary, and granddaughter Jane Harlow.

Something happened to Nancy Ann in the 1850's because Joseph D. Routon married Rebecca Stark and the children from this marriage were William Isaac born 1858 Morgan County; Mary J. 1863 Morgan County; James B. 1865 Morgan County; Miranda Mollie Annie born 1867 Morgan County; and Joseph G. "John" born 10 Oct. 1870. There were three other Routons fathered by Joseph; however, we cannot be sure at this time if their mother was Nancy Ann or Rebecca. They were Kealy born 1852 Mo.; Margaret Milicum born 1855; and Alice born 1857.

William Isaac Routon born 24 November 1858 married Mary Jane Williams 27 March 1881 and he died 10 September 1937 Versailles, Mo. Their children were Joseph Elmer, Shirley born 15 July 1883 married Goldie Tish — he died 12 May 1958 Morgan County; Claude Ann born 3 January 1885 died 20 May 1963 Morgan County; Leona E. born 27 August 1887 married Charley McCasland 1 October 1911 — she died January 14, 1974; Sumpter Ernest born 29 August 1889, married Mable Jackson of Windsor, Mo. — he died October 29, 1942; Willie Brooks born March 25, 1892 died August 20, 1893; Dora May born 20 August 1894 died November 7, 1906; James Olin born 17 October 1896 died 21 December 1943; Willie Walker born 2 August 1901 died 1902; and the surviving member Opal born 26 December 1898 married Roy Earl Kingery and lives in Barnett, Missouri.

My father was Joseph Elmer Routon born 9 May 1882 married Mary Alice Piper 5 August 1906 and he died 10 February 1945, buried Big Rock Cemetery. Their children were: Goldie Florence "Vivian" born 21 June 1907, married Clifford Gunn and lives in Barnett. Children: William J. "Bill", wife Doris, children Kristin and Teresa; and Mary Lou, husband Mathias Russ, children Carolina and Mathias.

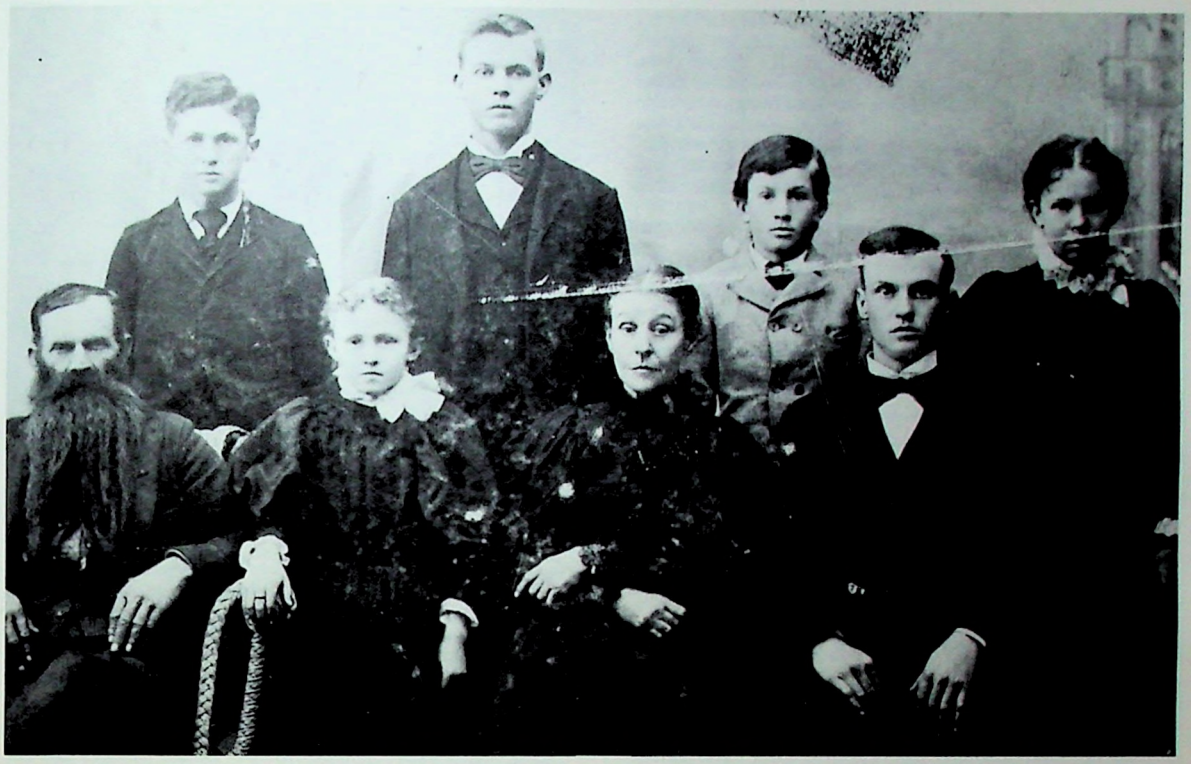
Vincel Piper Routon born 31 August 1908, married Icel Marie Howser and lives in Versailles. Children: Darrell Lee, wife Darlene, children Dena and Darren; and Sharon Nell, husband Wesley Miller, children Marc and Shannon Marie.

Elmer Maurice Routon born 15 March 1917 married Jeanne Allen and lives in Palmyra, Mo. Children: Norma Jeanne, husband William Mills, children Edward, Robert, Thomas, Kenneth, Tandy, and Ronald; and Cherry Marie, husband Michael Dodds, children Heather and Elliott. *by Darrell Lee Routon*

## AMOS ROWLAND

Amos Rowland came to Morgan County, Mo., with his wife, the former Sarah Alice Dubbs, and three of his family, from Milton Center, Ohio. The children of Amos and Sarah Alice Rowland were Effie, Lewis, Silas, James, Jessica, Minnie, and Floyd.

Effie Rowland married John Bohling and they were the parents of one daughter, Norma Gene. Norma married Edward



Amos Rowland Family

Jones; they have one daughter Gay. She married David Merriott, and they have two children, Jennifer and Joshia.

Lewis Rowland married Lee Brown. Their three children were a daughter who died; Clifford, who never married; and Forrest, who married Leoma Silvey. Forrest and Leoma have three children: Steve, Creig and Brenda. Steve married Sue Ann Martins; they have two children: Stephanie and David Andrew. Creig married Maurine Baughman; they have one child, Patrick. Brenda Rowland is single.

Floyd Rowland married Eunice Decker. They are the parents of four children: Eugene, Gladys, Viola and Meredith. Eugene married Laraine Stollman; they have four children. Gladys married Paul Kirkpatrick; they have four children. Viola is single. Meredith Rowland married William Kauffman; they have three children.

Silas Rowland married Lydia Hinken. They have two sons: John and Porter. John first married Helen Stohe. They were the parents of a daughter, Betty, who married William Kelley and bore four children. John's second wife was Millicent Griffin. Porter Rowland married Elsie Petty; who had three sons by a previous marriage.

James Rowland married Ethel Heiderman. They were the parents of three children: Harold Wayne, Virginia and Herbert. Harold married Anna Mae Garall; they have two daughters, Becky Ann and Carolyn. Virginia married Jack Jones. Herbert married Cynthia Rodgers; they have a daughter, Holly.

Minnie Rowland married Benjamin Argenbright on June 6, 1909. They are the parents of three children: Alice May, Howard and Paul. Alice May married Herbert Brunjes. Their children are Martha Jo, Charles, Neva, William (Bill) and Neidth. Martha Jo Brunjes died in early childhood. Charles married Linda Williams; they have two daughters, Heidi and Valarie. Neva married David Coester. William is single. Neidth married Joseph Taylor.

A daughter of Amos and Sarah Rowland, Jessica, died in early childhood. *by Mrs. Herbert Brunjes*

## GEORGE A. RUMANS

George A. Rumans was born to John T. and Clara Berkstresser Rumans December 4, 1903, on a farm west of Versailles near Mt. Nebo Church.

He was married to Hannah Elliott, daughter of Henry and Agnes Daniels Elliott, at the bride's home near Marvin May 6, 1928. They spent the first year of their married life in Redlands, Calif.

They had two children, Kathryn Lee and Mary Jo, (who was dead at birth).

George was a farmer and did carpenter work for many years. He worked for the Rock Island Railroad 30 years. When the Versailles section was taken out he drove to Eldon each day. He belonged to the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Union. There were so many train wrecks he had to go at night and work all night many times in the rain and snow. He retired in January 1968.

He bought their home at 512 North Monroe Street in 1943.

He was a member of Antioch Church of God near the home where he was born. He was a deacon, treasurer and Sunday School teacher.

George died suddenly May 3, 1971, at 8 A.M. near his garden while talking to his daughter, Kathryn.

His hobbies were gardening, hunting and fishing, in winter he played carrom, dominoes, and worked picture puzzles with Kathryn.

Mrs. Rumans taught in the rural schools of Morgan County seven years. She is a member of the Beulah Baptist Church, she sang in the church choir, taught a Sunday School class, was secretary of the Sunday School for 15 years, and a leader of the young people's union, and a part time organist. Due to ill health Mrs. Rumans is not able to attend church today. She likes to read, sew and make quilts. She enjoys her flower gardens in the spring and summer. She is a homemaker and helped George and Kathryn in many ways. Mrs. Rumans has taken care of many sick relatives.

Kathryn was employed for seven years by the Morgan County Selective Service System 1949-1956.

Kathryn worked from October 1, 1956 to June 30, 1973, full time at the Morgan County ASCS Office. Since June 1973 she works three days a week at the ASCS Office and two days a week as secretary of the First Baptist Church.

Kathryn has been a member of the First Baptist Church since April 1945, and has served the church as clerk for 19 years, has been Baptist Women president for three years, and has filled many other offices in the church. Kathryn attended Baptist conferences at Glorieta, New Mexico two years, and at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, two years, and attended a youth conference in Toronto, Canada in 1958 with 82 other young people from Missouri.

Kathryn's hobbies are collecting salt and pepper shakers, recipes, caring for her flowers, and doing ceramics. Kathryn loves to cook.

She bought her home in July 1968, at 601 North Monroe.
*Mrs. Hannah Rumans*

## MILO R. SALYER

Milo R. Salyer was born July 24, 1923 at Springfield, Mo. On May 2, 1943 he married C. Margie Jordon, who was born Sept. 20, 1924 at Nashville, Tenn.

They are the parents of two children, James Milo, born Oct. 1, 1946 and Eugeanie, born Feb. 12, 1950. Both were born in Springfield.

James Milo married Vicki Campbell of Warrensburg in the fall of 1972. They have a daughter, Leslie Diane, born June 28, 1973. They live at Springfield.

Eugeanie was married to John M. Leeper of St. Louis in December, 1970. They have two children, Thomas Craig, born Sept. 17, 1972, and James Robert, born Jan. 29, 1977.

Milo spent 26 years in sales work in and about Springfield. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946.

Milo and Margie came to Versailles, Mo. on July 1, 1969 from Springfield, with their daughter, Eugeanie. They purchased Pioneer Restaurant in Versailles on July 1, 1969, located in the Westvue Shopping Center on Highways 5 and 52 west.

Milo was elected mayor of Versailles April 3, 1979.

## JOHN MERRIOTT SALMON

Ezekiel and Narcissus Salmon came to Missouri in 1840 with their family and Ezekiel's mother Elizabeth and settled on a farm northeast of Versailles. He was a magistrate judge, postmaster, and farmer in Morgan County.

Ezekiel was born in 1798 a son of Lieutenant George Salmon and Elizabeth Young Salmon of Greenville, South Carolina. Originally from London George fought in the revolutionary war and later became a general. The Young family also had a military record in the revolution. Both families were large landowners in South Carolina, had many slaves and fine homes.

John Merriott Salmon (son of Ezekiel) was four years old when he arrived in Morgan County. He was one of the best Bible students in the county, was one of the organizers of the first sunday school class in Versailles, and helped build three Methodist churches. He United with the Methodist church in 1853, and became a master mason in 1872. He was a blacksmith in Versailles, a county judge, and was a soldier in the civil war in 1865.

John Salmon, Mary (Chism) Salmon and daughter Elizabeth

In 1860 John married Mary Catherine Chism daughter of John L. and Frances Cooper Chism who came to Missouri in 1819. They bought the old Chism farm five miles west of Versailles and raised eight children: Minnie Belle, Grace, Anna, Robert, Susan, John James, Eugenia, and Elizabeth. The family moved to a farm north of Clinton, Mo. in 1883, returning to Versailles in 1905.

Three Salmon girls were teachers in Morgan County. Belle taught at Oak Grove and Walnut Grove, Susan at Walnut Grove, and Eugenia in Versailles. John M. gave land for the Salmon schoolhouse and helped build it on the Salmon Lane.

Belle (born 1861) married Joseph Doran Moore, had six children, Grace (born 1862) married Wesley Wm. Moore (brother of Joseph) in Clinton, Mo. and were the parents of seven children. Anna (born 1864) married Orie Moore and lived in Clinton. Robert (born 1867) married Laura Ella Johnson and had three daughters. Susan (born 1870) married John Cowden in Clinton and they had three daughters. John James (born 1872) married Hattie Drake, they had three sons, Eugenia (born 1874) married Paul Spurlock and had four children, Elizabeth (born 1877) married 1st James E. Moous, 2nd Jessie Hocker of Columbia, Mo.

Mary Catherine Chism's great-great grandfather James E. Chism was a revolutionary war patroit and governor of Kentucky in 1804. His son Jacob Chism came to Morgan County in 1830, the first ordained Baptist minister in the county. Jacob preached at Big Rock and at his home west of Versailles. He would preach to white people in the morning at his house, they ate dinner there, and the black people came in the evening to services in the yard with Jacob's wife playing the organ. *Mary Young Brown*

## JAMES W. SALMONS

James and Helen Boyce Salmons lived at Glensted, Mo., where they were employed by the Glensted Telephone Exchange in 1951. Later, they resided across the street from the telephone office. James was caretaker of Freedom, Glensted, Prairie View and Newkirk Cemeteries. The Salmons family attended the Glensted Methodist Church, contributed annually to the "Lord's Acre" sale and were interested in family and area history.

Children of James and Helen Salmons were: Chester G., born Dec. 28, 1926, and died in May 1966 at Fort Lewis, Wash.; Newton Clay and William G. Salmons, who live at Memphis, Tenn.; Raymond Salmons, of Cameron, Mo.; and Rolla W. Salmons, born in 1941 and killed in a tractor accident in 1962.

James W. Salmons was born May 19, 1904, in Moniteau County, Mo. He died Aug. 16, 1971, and is buried at Glensted. His sister, Anna Belle (Mrs. Lee) Chapman, lives at Barnett, Mo. James' parents were James W. and Rhoda Gusta Stephens Salmons. His grandfather, Thomas Smiley Stephens (1832-1915) was a 49er who crossed the plains with ox teams to the gold fields of California. His great-grandfather, Lawrence Cole Stephens, was born in 1798 in Virginia, and later became a judge of the Cooper County, Mo., court.

James Salmons' great-great-grandparents were William H. Moore and Ann Cathey Moore of North Carolina; and Joseph Stephens, who came to Cooper County, Mo., in 1817, in a wagon, and his first wife Rhoda Cole Stephens.

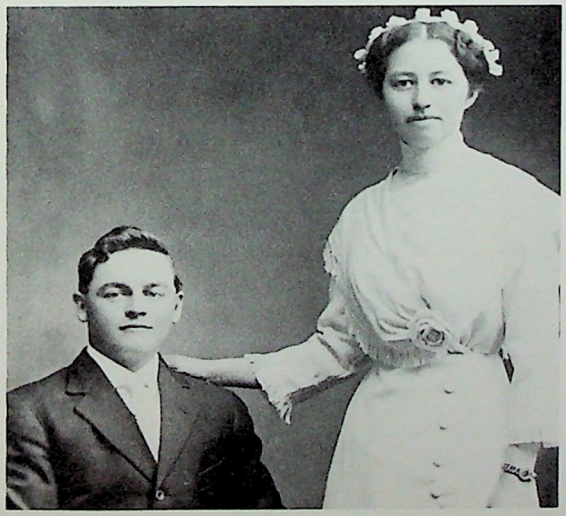
Great-great-great-grandparents were Peter Stephens II and wife, Joanna Chrisman Stephens; and William T. and Nellie Bowndes Cole, who came to America in 1750 and settled in Virginia.

Great-great-great-great-grandparents of James W. Salmons were Peter Stephens and Marie Rittenhouse Stephens; and Jacob Chrisman, who came to Virginia in 1732.

Helen Boyce Salmons was born in Miller County, Mo., on Dec. 23, 1905. She married James Salmons on Mar. 24, 1925. She was the daughter of L. Rolla Boyce and Mary Thoss Boyce, who died Dec. 24, 1905 and is buried at Moreau Cemetery in Moniteau County. Helen was raised by the grandparents, Henry and Francis Ann Thoss. Her maternal great-grandparents, John Thoss, was born 1808 and is buried at Rock Springs Methodist Church Cemetery; John T. and Harriet Painter (parents of Francis Ann Painter Thoss) were born in Virginia, and are buried at Self Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, in Richland Township, Morgan County.

## ARTHUR DOVER SANDERS

Arthur Dover Sanders, eldest son of Harvey A. and Sally Virginia (Jennie) Steele Sanders, was born in Florence, Mo., Aug. 9, 1890, and died April 8, 1959. He is buried at Otterville.



Arthur Dover and Matilda (Brodersen) Sanders

His father, Harvey Sanders was born near Florence and spent his life there. Arthur's grandfather, Marvin Sanders, was born in Vermont on Oct. 18, 1823, and died near Smithton, Mo., Oct. 12, 1892. His grandmother, Barbara J. Teffenteller Sanders, was probably born in Tennessee on Feb. 20, 1824, and died near Florence, Mo., Feb. 1, 1890. Both are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery near Florence. Arthur's maternal grandparents were Green Steele (born Jan. 7, 1838; died Oct. 13, 1900) and Alice (Allie Homan) Steele (born in 1848 and died in 1924).

Arthur Sanders' brother was Walker Howard. Sisters were Lottie Delany Sanders, Bertha, Flossie B. (Mrs. Emil P. Rehmer), Alpha Augusta (Mrs. Roy Dinwiddie) and Ursie Daisy (Mrs. Alfred Smith).

Arthur and Matilda Brodersen were married Dec. 1, 1912, and farmed for a while on the Sanders home place, previously farmed by Harvey and Marvin Sanders. Later, Arthur farmed in the Florence and Otterville communities. He was a deacon in the Bethlehem Baptist Church, and later, of the Otterville First Baptist Church.

Arthur and Matilda Sanders had two children: Carrol Abraham and Ada Beatrice. Carrol was born September 19, 1917, near Florence, and died Nov. 9, 1972, with burial in Otterville Cemetery. He married Malva Stahl at Boonville on June 3, 1939. After his death, Malva married Ed Gehlken. Carrol Sanders was a farmer, and later a jeweler at Glasgow, Mo. He and Malva had four children: Carolyn Joyce, Merilyn June, Jerry Dean and Malva Joan.

Carolyn Joyce, born Jun. 24, 1940, at Sedalia, married Dewain Crider, of Florence on Jan. 6, 1957. They later were divorced. On Nov. 1, 1969, she married Richard Lilly at Otterville. Joyce is employed at Town and Country Shoe Factory, Sedalia, and Richard is a fireman in Sedalia. Her children are Debra Joyce, born Sep. 15, 1957, and married to Christopher Maxwell on Mar. 17, 1977, a veterinarian technician; David Arthur (Crider) Lilly, born Mar. 6, 1961; and Tammy Lynne Lilly, born Jan. 6, 1965.

Merilyn June Sanders, born June 3, 1941, married E.H. Fowler on Sep. 17, 1960. Their children are Stephan Jay, born May 24, 1961; Jill Luane, born June 21, 1962; Jeana Kay, born June 18, 1965; and Jennifer Jo, born Feb. 21, 1968. E.H. Fowler is a stockman and auctioneer near Florence.

Jerry Dean Sanders, born Oct. 25, 1945, is a carpet-layer in Fairbanks, Alaska. Malva Joan Sanders, born and died Oct. 22, 1947, is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery near Florence.

Ada Beatrice, daughter of Arthur and Matilda Sanders, was born June 3, 1924, near Otterville. She married Joseph A. Wallenburn at Sedalia on Feb. 26, 1946. Joseph is a rural mail carrier at Otterville, Mo. They have two children: James Alfred and Judith Ann. James Alfred, born Oct. 4, 1949, at Sedalia, married Pamela Jane Watring in Mexico on July 23, 1969. He is a livestock order buyer. They have two adopted children: Ginger Gayle, born July 27, 1974, and Angela Ann, born Mar. 23, 1978. Judith Ann Wallenburn was born June 5, 1953, at Sedalia, Mo., and married Stephen Wayne Watring at Otterville on June 23, 1973. They were divorced June 9, 1978, and her maiden name was restored. Judith is executive secretary at Rival Manufacturing Company, Sedalia, Mo. *Submitted by Mrs. Charles Sanders*

## CAROLINE DELANEY SANDERS

Caroline Delaney "Lanie" Sanders was born October 2, 1867, the daughter of Marvin and Barbary J. (Teffenteller) Sanders. She was married on February 25, 1883 to Columbus Hampton Randall. Their children were Alvin J., Ollie Maud, Roy W., Charles D., Mamie, Howard, Grace and Marvin H. Alvin was born in 1884 and married Etta Cramer of Florence, Mo.; some of their 6 or 7 children were Lawrence, Harold, Juanita (Mrs. Oscar Lewis of Florence), and Howard who died in infancy.

Alvin's second marriage was to Ada Pryor and they had a son, Paul, who lives in St. Louis. Maud Randall, born in 1886, married Joseph Cramer of Florence and their children are Roy, Dorothy and Rudy. Roy Randall, born in 1888, married Gertrude Spicer and was an engineer on the Missouri Pacific Railroad; they and their son, Joseph, are buried in Sedalia. Charles Randall, born in 1889, lived in San Francisco. Mamie Randall, born in 1894, married Edward Dittmer and had a daughter, Edith, who lived in California. Edward and Mamie

Mrs. Delaney

are buried in Sedalia. Howard Randall was born in 1895. Grace Randall, born in 1897, married Walter Broderson, a Baptist miniter serving in Liberty and other places; their daughters are Violet (Mrs. Charles Lewis of Springfield, Ill.), Mildred (Mrs. Edward Leech of Largo, Florida), and Glyna Lee who is buried at Sedalia. Marvin H. Randall, born in 1902, married Kathleen Gardner and had a daughter Donna Marie (Mrs. Robert Smith, died at Duarte, Calif.). Marvin's second wife is Lula W. Turner and their son, Marvin R., died in 1967 and is buried in Jefferson City. Marvin R's children are John Dennis and David Vance. Marvin H. Randall lives in Jefferson City and is retired from the highway department

Later Caroline Delaney "Lanie" (Sanders) Randall married Louis Hampy; they had a son Farest Raymond, born at Florence on January 30, 1907. He married Ellen Ellison and their children are Bill, who married Geneva Page; Charles, who married Jewel Williams; and Carolyn who married Vince Sterner. Caroline "Lanie" Hampy died on February 21, 1931 and is buried at Bethlehem Cemetery. Her home was on a farm south of the Marvin Sanders farm. *Based upon information from Marvin Randall and Farest Hampy; by Mrs. Charles Sanders, Warrensburg*

## EDMOND CONRANCE SANDERS

Edmond Conrance Sanders was the eldest son of Marvin Sanders of the Florence, Mo. area. He was born in Illinois on September 23, 1847 and died August 8, 1926 with burial in California. His mother was Lenora A. Sanders.

He married Margaret Sarah (Maggie) Keele, who was born near Nashville, Tenn. on April 13, 1850 and died August 5, 1934 with burial at Green Ridge, Mo. They had four children: Jake, Ida, Minnie and Elmer. Jake Sanders was born April 23, 1876 and died October 1948 with burial in Green Ridge, Mo. His wife was Cora Bell Bowers, born in December 1880 and died in October 1944 with burial in Green Ridge. Their children are Raleigh, born 1902; Arley, born 1904; Walter, born 1906; Anna, born 1908; James, born 1910; Marguerite, born 1913; Marvin, born 1915; Esther, born 1917; Edith, born 1919; and Roy, born 1920. Minnie Sanders married George Washington Hall and lived in Pettis County near Green Ridge, Manila and Sedalia. Their children were Bill, Marshall, Mary, Edna, Goldie, Grace, Stella and Harry. Ida Sanders married John Clegg of Blairstown, Mo. Their children were Steven, Joe, Margaret, Mabel, Gladys, Floyd, and Jessie. Elmer Sanders was born in 1882 and had a son, Harvey, who lived near Urbana, Mo. in the Springfield area. *Based on information submitted by Mrs. Raleigh Sanders, Windsor, Mo. Submitted by Mrs. Charles Sanders, Warrensburg, Mo.*

## EGBERT "BERT" COLUMBIA G. SANDERS

Egbert "Bert" Columbia G. Sanders was the son of Marvin and Lenora Sanders of the Florence, Mo. area.

He was born August 16, 1854 and died October 10, 1922. On October 22, 1882, he married Mary Ann Cramer who was born February 28, 1866 and died September 13, 1899. Her father was Rev. Caleb H. Cramer and her mother was probably Nancy A. Newman. The "Bert" Sanders farm was near the Bethlehem Church north of Florence, Mo. Both "Bert" and his wife are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery. Their children are Flora Ida May, born November 4, 1887 and married to Thomas Edward "Ed" Homan on Jan. 28, 1917. Their children are Norma (Mrs. Star Page), Ernest, Raymond, Anna Sue (Mrs. Lone Myers), Dewey and Arthur. Lillian Emmiegene Sanders, daughter of the "Bert" Sanders, was born November 3, 1883 and married Charles H. Brunkhorst on November 18, 1903 and their children are: Dennis who married Ona Belle Cook; Ruth, who married Ralph O. Lewis; Charles, who died in childhood; Dean who died in a motorcycle accident in 1945; and Glenn (Bob). The Brunkhorst farm was next to the "Bert" Sanders farm. James Arlington "Arley" Sanders was a son of "Bert" Sanders and was born on May 17, 1892 and married Lucy Speaker. Their children are Norma, Helen, Roberta, Cloyd, Noland, and James Ralph. Henry Albert Sanders, another son of the "Bert" Sanders, was born December 24, 1889 and married Emma Brunkhorst; their children are: Paul, who married Marion Reneau; John Egbert who married Ruby Page; Carrie Anna; and Eugene Henry, who died in World War II. *Based on information supplied by Ralph Lewis, Fayette, Mo. Submitted by Mrs. Charles Sanders, Warrensburg, Mo.*

## HARVEY A. SANDERS

Harvey Abraham Sanders was a farmer and Baptist minister who lived northwest of Florence, Mo. on Haw Creek on the Smithton to Florence road. His father, Marvin Sanders, had previously lived on that farm, and later Harvey's sons, Arthur and Walker, also farmed there. Harvey was born July 28, 1869 and died in April, 1941.

Harvey's father, Marvin Sanders, born October 18, 1823 and died October 2, 1892, was thought to be born in Rutland, Vermont and lived in Illinois for some time before coming to Missouri. Marvin's father was probably born in New York and his mother in New Hampshire.

Harvey's mother, Barbara J. Teffenfeller (or Teffenteller) Sanders, probably was born in Tennessee on February 20, 1824 and died February 1, 1890. Both she and Marvin Sanders are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery near Florence, Mo. Barbara's parents were probably both born in Germany. Before marrying Marvin Sanders, Barbara had previous marriages to a Mr. Key and to a Mr. Lewis, giving Harvey step-brothers and/or step-sisters from both marrriages. Marvin Sanders had children born in Illinois before marrying Barbara Key on December 6, 1864 so Harvey also had Sanders step-brothers and step-sisters.

Harvey attended Union School (later called Black Jack) and on February 10, 1889 he married Sally Virginia (Jenny) Steele. She was born February 28, 1872 and died February 11, 1927. Her parents were Alice (Allie) Homan Steele, born 1848 and died 1924, and Green Steele, born January 7, 1838 and died October 13, 1900. Jenny's grandfather was Richard T. Homan, born 1828, whose father was David Homan, who came to Missouri about 1804 from Virginia, and who was of Dutch and German ancestry. David Homan's wife's name was probably Lydia and she is thought to have been from Pennsylvania. Richard Homan, Jenny's grandfather, married Virginia Wear, who was born in Virginia in 1823 and died in 1914 with burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery east of Florence, Mo.

Harvey and Jenny Steele lived on the Marvin Sanders farm and raised Percheron horses and mules. After the original

Alfred, Ursie (Sanders) Smith

house burned around 1900, Harvey had the house that still stands built, probably in 1909. The house contains nine rooms and a bathroom, a 3-room basement, and it was so well built that even the plaster remained in perfect condition when the farm was sold out of the family in 1972.

Harvey and Jennie Sanders
Arthur, Flossie and Walker 1896

Harvey Sanders was licensed and ordained as a Baptist minister by the Bethlehem Church near Florence, Mo. He served several churches in the Versailles area.

There were seven children of Harvey and Jenny Sanders and all probably were born at the Sanders home. They were Arthur Dover, Walker Howard, Flossie B., Lottie Delaney, Bertha, Alpha Augusta, and Ursie Daisy.

Arthur Dover was born August 9, 1890 and died April 8, 1959 with burial in Otterville, Mo. He married Matilda Broderson on December 1, 1912 and their children are Carrol Abraham, born September 19, 1917 and died November 9, 1972; and Ada Beatrice (Mrs. Joe Wallenburn) who was born June 3, 1924.

Walker Howard Sanders was born November 20, 1894 and died April 30, 1969. He married Sophia Elizabeth Kanenbley on December 16, 1917. She died November 10, 1978 and both are buried at Sedalia, Mo. Their children are Charles Harold Sanders, who was born May 19, 1924; Otto Ray, who was born June 8, 1922 and died June 7, 1924; Ruby Frances (Mrs. Jack Nunn) who was born April 9, 1924; Mara Lou (Mrs. Frank Yeckl) who was born August 12, 1927; Ellen Augusta Virginia (Mrs. Jim C. Buffington) who was born October 8, 1929; and an infant son born September 26, 1931, who died September 28, 1931.

Flossie B. Sanders (Mrs. Emil P. Rehmer) was born March 13, 1892 and died February 20, 1920. Flossie's child is Cora (Mrs. Olin Mahnken) of Florence, Mo.

Bertha Sanders was born October 14, 1893 and lived only two months.

Alpha Augusta Sanders was born April 3, 1898 and married James Roy Dinwiddie on March 3, 1918. Their children were James Roy and Phyllis Deanne. James Roy, Jr. was born November 23, 1919 and died October 20, 1962. Phyllis (Mrs. Wallace Berry) was born February 17, 1926.

Lottie Delaney Sanders was born November 15, 1901 and died November 24, 1914.

Ursie Daisy Sanders was born July 31, 1906 and married Alfred Smith on June 5, 1928. She lives at Syracuse, Mo. and they had no children.

After Jenny's death, Harvey Sanders married Bessie Rhoades of Carrolton, Mo. on June 3, 1928.

Harvey and Jenny Sanders are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery near Florence, Mo. *by Mrs. Charles H. Sanders*

## LUTHER SANDERS

Luther Sanders was the son of Marvin and Lenora Sanders and was born in Missouri around 1861. He married Maggie Hendrick and they farmed near Syracuse, Mo. He died in 1926 and she in 1927. Their children were Emma, Walter and Marvin Lee.

Emma Sanders married Pete McNeal and later Charles Harrison; she is now Mrs. Jim Stevenson and lives near Stover. She has three children.

Walter Sanders lived around Syracuse, Sedalia and later in California, where he died. His children were Hazel, Thelma, Viola, and a son, Roslan.

Marvin Lee Sanders married Annie Stemberger and farmed near Syracuse, Mo. Their children were Zola, Lee Anna, Isabelle, Johnny and Marvin. Zola married Henry Twyman and lived near Syracuse. She now lives in Sedalia. Their children are Dora Lee, Jean LeRoy, Donald Dean, Johnnie, Norman, Bobby, and Teddy Ray. Lee Anna married Henry Homan and farmed near Syracuse until 1969; she now lives in Syracuse. Their children are David Lee, Billy Joe, Judy Faye and Jewel Mae. David Lee married Mary Evelyn Howard and their children are Mary Lee, Billy Dee and Hugh Allen. Billy Joe married Linda Kathleen Combs and their sons are Barry Joe, and Charles David. Judy Faye Homan married Jake Ramey and their sons are Mark, Parry, and Kelly. Jewel Mae Homan married Ray Stemberger and their children are Linda Kay, Brenda Faye and Danny Raye. Isabelle Sanders married Claude Woolery and they farm near Fortuna. Their children are Joann, Jean, Marvin, Betty, Phillip, Walter and Sue. Johnnie Sanders married Cecil Petri and lives at Tipton. Their daughter is Carolyn. Marvin Sanders married Anna May Howard and their children are Sandra Kay and Marvin Howard. After her death, he married Judy Woolery and their chil-

dren are Donald and Marla. They live near Fortuna. *Based on information from Mrs. Henry Homan, submitted by Mrs. Charles Sanders*

## MARVIN SANDERS

Marvin Sanders was a farmer on Haw Creek in Richland Township northwest of Florence, Mo. He raised Percheron horses, and mules. He first bought farm land there in 1865 and added to it until 1882.

Marvin and Barbary Sanders

Marvin Sanders was born Nov. or Oct. 18, 1823 in Shrewsbury, Vermont. He was the son of Joseph and Sally (Nichols) Sanders. Joseph was born in 1794 in New Hampshire and Sally in 1799 in Sharon, New Hampshire. Joseph died on June 9, 1867 and Sally on December 25, 1865 and both are buried in Northam Cemetery, Shrewsbury, Vt.

Marvin married Lenora A. Graves on Oct. 14, 1846 in Shrewsbury, Vt. and they moved to Illinois where Edmond Conrance, Egbert Columbia G., and Lila were born. A son, Luther, was born in Missouri around 1861. Lenora's grave is in the Kidwell Cemetery near Versailles, Mo.

Edmond Conrance Sanders, son of Marvin and Lenora Sanders, was born Sept. 23, 1847. (See his history)

Egbert "Bert" Columbia G. Sanders, son of Marvin and Lenora Sanders, was born Aug. 16, 1854 and died Oct. 10, 1922. (See his history)

Agnes Loueller Sanders, daughter of Marvin and Lenora Sanders was born in Illinois and married Harmon Knocks on May 2, 1869 in Morgan County.

Lila Sanders was born in Illinois around 1858 and married James Latham. They lived in Denver.

Luther Sanders, son of Marvin and Lenora Sanders, was born in Missouri around 1861. (See his history)

On Dec. 6, 1864, Marvin Sanders married Barbara Key. Barbary J. Teffenteller was born Feb. 20, 1824 probably in Tennessee of German ancestry. She died Feb. 1 or 12, 1890 and is buried in Bethlehem Cemetery. She first married a Mr. Lewis, probably in Tennessee, as their son, John Lewis, was born there. Their children were John, James and Nathan who became half-brothers to the Sanders children. Later Barbary (Teffenteller) Lewis married Elmer Vey and they had a daughter Mary, who married D. W. Culbertson. They lived in the Lake Creek neighborhood and the Culbertsons are buried in Bethlehem Cemetery. The Culbertson sons were Elmer, Walter and Joe.

Marvin Sanders and Barbary J. (Teffenteller) (Lewis) (Key) Sanders had the following children: Joseph, Caroline Delaney "Lanie", and Harvey Abraham.

Joseph Sanders was born around 1866 and married Annie L. Thomason on Dec. 28, 1884. They lived west of the Marvin Sanders home; Later Joseph moved to Denver and remained in that area.

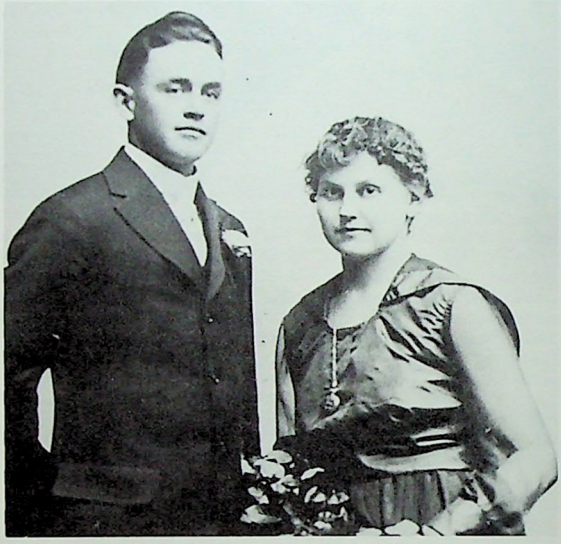
Caroline Delaney "Lanie" Sanders (see her history)

Harvey Abraham Sanders (see his history)

Marvin Sanders died October 2, 1892 and is buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery north of Florence, Mo.

## WALKER H. SANDERS

Walker Howard Sanders, farmer and stockman, lived northwest of Florence, Mo., on the farm previously operated by his father, Harvey A. and his grandfather, Marvin Sanders. Walker was born Nov. 20, 1894, at this farm, and died there April 30, 1969. He and his wife are buried at Highland Sacred Gardens, in Sedalia.



Walker and Sophia (Kanenbley) Sanders - Wedding Picture 1917

Walker Sanders was the son of Harvey Abraham and Sally Virginia Steele Sanders. His grandparents were Marvin and Barbara J. Teffenteller Sanders; Green and Alice Homan Steele. His brother was Arthur D. Sanders, and sisters were Flossie B. (Mrs. Emil P. Rehmer), Bertha, Alpha Augusta (Mrs. Roy Dinwiddie), Lottie Delany and Ursie Daisy (Mrs. Alfred Smith).

On Dec. 16, 1917, Walker married Sophia Elizabeth Kenenbley at her parents' home near Florence. Sophia was born June 30, 1895, and died Nov. 10, 1978. She was the daughter of Henry and Augusta Meier Kenenbley. Her grandparents were Carl and Adelheid Pragmann Meier, and Frederick and Elizabeth Stumpenhaus Kanenbley; all of Florence.

Walker Sanders attended Union School (later called Black Jack), and was a deacon in the Bethlehem Baptist Church. He raised Hereford cattle, Duroc hogs, hay and grain crops and took great pride in the quality of his livestock, the care of his farm buildings and the preservation of his soil. In 1930, he and his son, Charles, with only a carpenter's level as an aid, laid off and built terraces on his farm. With this background in soil and water conservation, Charles later graduated from the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture and spent more than 25 years with USDA's Soil Conservation Service.

Walker and Sophia had six children, all born at the family farm: Charles Harold, Otto Ray, Ruby Frances, Mara Lou, Ellen Augusta Virginia, and an infant son who died.

Charles was born May 19, 1920, and married Martha Elizabeth Wiggins of Lawrence, Kan., on Oct. 30, 1948. Their children are Linda, Ann and Marilyn. Linda Carol was born Jan. 30, 1950, and married Gerald Eugene McMaster on June 3, 1972. They have one child, Nicole Lynn, born May 24, 1978. Ann Elizabeth was born Nov. 18, 1951 and married Gary Lee Brookhart on June 2, 1973. Marilyn Jeanne Sanders was born Dec. 4, 1954.

Otto Ray Sanders was born June 8, 1922, and died in St. Louis, Mo., on June 7, 1924. An infant son of Walker and Sophia was born Sept. 26, 1931, and died two days later.

Ruby Frances Sanders was born April 9, 1924. She married Jack E. Nunn at Baxter Springs, Kan., on June 4, 1943. Their children are Dian and David. Elizabeth Dian Nunn, born Feb. 13, 1946, married John Louis Groff, Jr., on Dec. 7, 1974. David Alan Nunn, born April 3, 1950, married Lenna Paulyne Fowler on Dec. 4, 1976.

Mara Lou Sanders was born Aug. 12, 1927, and on Dec. 20, 1952, married Frank Yeckl, of St. Louis, Mo. Their children are Mara Lynne, born Oct. 14, 1956 and married to Gary Badolato; and Frank Karl, born April 22, 1960.

Ellen Augusta Virginia Sanders was born Oct. 8, 1929, and married Jim C. Buffington at Mexico, Mo., on June 14, 1952. Their children are Valerie, Pamela and Barbara. Valerie Lee was born April 9, 1953; Pamela Sue was born Oct. 28, 1958; and Barbara Kay was born Nov. 4, 1960. *Submitted by Mrs. Charles H. Sanders*

## MRS. SUDIE ANN (MUIR) SANFORD

Sudie Ann Muir, born Aug. 14, 1867, a child of John W. Muir and Elizabeth (Sims) Muir. Grandchild of James and Rachel (McGarrity) Sims. She was reared by William S. Ball and Matilda (Sims) Ball.

Elizabeth Sims Muir and Matilda Sims Ball were sisters, being children of James Sims.

After the death of Wm. S. Ball, Mrs. Ball married the Rev. Dr. Jehu Robinson. Dr. Robinson was born in Washington Co. Ind. and moved with his parents to Henry Co. Mo. He served on the board of trustees of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar for 2 years. He is buried at Freedom Church Cem. north of Versailles.

Sudie Ann Muir attended the "Sims School" on the eighty acres north of the Charley Sims farm. This was an early school of Morgan County, being used before the building of Glensted School. The Sims school-teacher, Miss Lina Allison taught nine terms of school here, and stayed at the Charley Sims home, and walked to school with the Sims children, who carried their lunch in a half-bushel basket, as there were often more than six Sims children in school, and the lunch consisted of whole pies and cakes, as well as the usual lunch.

Mrs. Sanford had to walk three miles to attend school, as she lived on the farm, later owned by Ray Scott. There were several creeks to cross and in bad weather she stayed overnight in the home of her Uncle Charley Sims and visited her cousins.

Sudie Ann Muir attended the 1883 term at Southwest Bapt. College, and was a class mate of Dean J.C. Pike; she majored in music. At the time of her death Mar. 1962 at age 94, she was the oldest alumni of the college.

She married Mr. Cary G. Sanford, and had two daughters: Mrs. Nelson (Gladys) Ball, and the late Mrs. Homer (Ada) Chism. She attended Freedom Baptist Church, and the Versailles Bapt. Church. *Written by Mrs. G.D. Yarnell*

## ISAAC SCHANNEP

Isaac Schannep (also spelled Shannep) was born May 10, 1838, in Columbiana County, Ohio. He married Catharine Lynch (born Feb. 28, 1839) in Ohio on June 29, 1858. The family moved to Morgan County in 1864.

Ten children were born to Isaac and Catharine Schannep: Tolena Arminta, Jemina, Lucy, Joseph, Lexis, Susanna, Isaac Melvin and John Belford. Two children died in infancy.

Joe and Jennie Schannep — 1891

Isaac Schannep died at Versailles on Mar. 1, 1909. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. W.C. Bewley of the Versailles Methodist Church. Catharine Schannep died earlier, on July 10, 1908, at the family home one mile northwest of Versailles.

Their son, Isaac Melvin Schannep, became a practicing attorney and later a well-known judge in Morgan County. One of his sons, Joseph, married Jennie Bolin on Dec. 22, 1891. They started farming 4½ miles northeast of Versailles. Eight children were born to Joseph and Jennie Bolin Schannep: Eva Eunice, Joseph Dean, Harold Dymple, Charles Bedford, Mildred Lucille, Doris Valera, Bettie Irene and Mel LeRoy.

Doris died on Oct. 13, 1913. Mel died April 11, 1919. The other Joseph Schannep children attended a one-room country school about four miles east of Versailles. Other students at the school included Gladys Hagan, the Doyle children and Morrison children. The school was named Prairie Dale, but was nick-named the "Last Chance" school.

The adjoining farms to the Joe Schannep farm were owned by Frank Hunter, Horace Hunter, the Hagans, Albert Taylor, Al Bolin (Jennie Schannep's brother) and John Schannep. Before 1918, no paved or oiled streets and roads existed in Versailles and Morgan County; Joe Schannep purchased his first car then — a 1918 Reo touring car.

Joseph Schannep's children married and moved away from the family farm. Harold Dymple Schannep married Thelma McArthur in Pleasant Hill, Mo., on July 24, 1922. Harold died May 28, 1974. Thelma lives at Sunland, Calif.

Bettie Schannep married Glenn Schenk and now lives in Eugene, Ore. Lucille married Pat Marlatt and lives in Littleton, Colo. Eva married Scott Duncan and lives in Englewood, Colo.

Belford married Eva Estella Richmond in Los Angeles, California. Dean married Effie Kidwell on March 19, 1919, in Versailles. *Submitted by Charles Belford Shannep*

## WILHELM (WILLIAM) SCHUPP

William Schupp was born Mar. 3, 1834 in Bad Ems, Hessen, Nassau, Germany and came to the U.S. at age 19. Married Maria Carolina Yost also from Bad Ems. (Children Ferdinand, Jane, Edward).

Ferdinand married Louise Lemke; Jane married Herman Lemke; Edward married Louise Munsterman. When Maria died June, 1967, William married Henrietta Zimmerschied, b. Dec. 23, 1849. (Children Caroline, Elizabeth, Louise, Maria, Emelia, Mathilda, Josephine). Caroline (Lena) married Martin Monsees (children Katherine, Willie, Dora and twin boys who died at birth. Dora died age 3. Katie married Henry Wilmer. Daughter Erma Kathryn married William Bray, son, Robert. Willie married Katie Heismeyer. (children Lillian, Martin, Leonard, Minie, Melvin and Mary.) Elizabeth married Fred Rasa, son, Willie, married Mabel Hilderbrant. Children, Beulah, Leroy, Janet, Leanna and Anthony.

Louise married Henry Monsees. Children Walter, Josephine, Marie, Clara and Augusta. Clara died age 2, Augusta age 12 days. Walter married Lorina Luppert, daughters, Malbadene and Ruby Mae. Josie married Herbert Von Holten. Children Nila June and Leon. Nila married Albert Holcroft. Leon married Bonnie Howell (children Gary, Neil and Craig). Marie married Fred Von Holten. Mary married Gavert Oehrke. Children William, Clarence, Arthur, Harry and a stillborn baby.

William married Lydia Wehrman. Children Ervin, Glenn, Ella Marie. Glenn married Donnice Alpers. (Children Galen, Linda, Jonathan. Clarence married Emma Wehrman. Children Melvin and Darlene, Melvin married Bernadine Weller. Children, Judy, Jerri, Diana and Cynthia. Darlene married William Hall. Sons Russell and Dennis.

Arthur married Mabel Schupp. Harry married Adaline Brunjes. Children Carolyn, and Larry, Carolyn married Charles Bower, son, Clark. Larry married Geraldine Gruce, sons, Kelly and Chris.

Emelia married Emil Zimmerschied. Children, William, Harry, Edwin, Walter, Alma, Johnny, Edgar, Ruby, Mabel, Arthur. Edwin, Mabel and Arthur died at age one year. William married Thelma Harris. Children, Lewis, Willie, Jr., Charles, Bessie and adopted Arlene. Lewis married Frankie Harris, son, Lewis, Jr.

Willie, Jr. married Aveline Torrea. Children Winnie Lou, Rosalie, Willie, Theresa, Lawrence and Robert. Winnie Lou married Kirk Howalett. Children, Jeramy and Todd. Michelle lived only a few days. Charles married Sharon Cowell. Children, Charles, Jr., Christie and Kevin. Bessie married Benjamin Thomason. Children, David, Odetta, Willie, and twins. Harry married Thelma Elliott. Daughters Betty Lee, Amelia, Betty married Larry Wilson. Children, Stephen and Diana. Stephen married June Nichalls. Deana married Bill Kyle. Son, Benjamin. Amelia married Melvin Hoffman. Children Cynthia, Randy and Richard.

Harry married Gladys Van Ness (2nd wife). Walter married Mary Schader. Children Walt, Jr., Kathleen, Robert, Linda, Rita, Carol. Walt married Beverly Higdon. Daughters Starla and Lestie. Kathleen married Larry Randall. Children, Terrance, Loretta, Lisa and Michael. Robert married Janis Stevens. Children, John and Michelle. Linda married Ronald Barnes. Children, Jeffrey, Angela, Cynthia, Sabrina. Rita married Stephen Meives. Daughter, Melissa, and Amanda Ballinger. Carol married Thomas Morris. John married Dorene Semkin. Children, Roy, Sue, Larry. Roy married Patricia George. Sons, Timothy and Mark.

Sue married Melvin Robinson. Sons, Jason and Ryan. Larry married Jackie Smith. Sons, Larry, Jr. and Randy. Edgar married Opal Oehrke. Children Mary Ann and Joyce. Mary Ann married James Richwine. Daughters, Jamie and Kimberly. Ruby married Earl Oehrke. Children, Carolyn and Richard. Carolyn married Dale Montgomery. Children, Tammy, Shannon and Dale. Richard married Judy Templeton. Children, Michael, Jason and Jada Nicole. Mabel married Melvin McKim. Children Phyllis, Barbara, Michael, Robert, Laura. Phyllis married Robert Reeves, son, Tony. Michael married Cathy Elordo.

Josephine married Edward Eichholz. Children, Clara, Clarence, Clara married Logan Seigel. Children JoEllen, Harold, Frances, Shirley and Vincent. JoEllen married Ray Snapp. Thirteen children born to them. *Mrs. Earl Oehrke*

## GEORGE SCOTT

Rev. and Mrs. George William Scott are more recent arrivals in Morgan County. They came here to make their home in June 1976, when George was appointed as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Versailles.

Wealtha and George Scott

George was born on the family farm in Dade Co. MO, the only child of Homer E. and Pauline (Odell) Scott, both of whom were born in Dade Co. Wealtha, the daughter of Lloyd James and Vaden F. (Sample) Chaplin, was born in Springfield, MO.

They were married in Springfield during World War II, and after a short time working in a shipyard at Portland, Oregon, and time spent in army service, they returned to Greenfield MO to make their home. George started a business of electrical contracting as the Rural Electrical Cooperative brought power lines to the farm homes in the vicinity. The business grew and expanded into an appliance and television store. Mostly with their own labor, they built a cut stone and plate glass fronted business building on the north side of the Greenfield square. The carved stone on the front was cut by Wealtha's father, a cut stone contractor in Springfield.

As their children grew up, a growing involvement in the church led to the conviction that this was the most important work to be done in the world; and George, with the support of the family, made the decision to prepare for the ministry. It was uncertain at the time just how it would be possible to finance college for four children, and adding a fifth for the head of the family would have been impossible without the help of God. George began college just before his 39th birthday. Alice started the next year and Betsy the next. Following graduation from Southwest Missouri State University, George earned a Masters of Divinity degree at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. During all this time he served rural church circuits as well as attending school. Wealtha worked as an executive secretary in Springfield, and later at Whiteman Air Force Base, to help finance the educational goals of the family.

The Scotts are the parents of four children. The first was born in Portland OR, and the other three at Burge Hospital in Springfield (now Cox Medical Center). Alice Ann married Marshall Sneed Hitt from Piggott AR. They make their home in Memphis TN, where Alice teaches biochemistry at the University of Tennessee and Marshall is a chemist for Humko, a division of Kraft Foods.

Elizabeth Susan, called Betsy, married Clifford Henry Hafen Jr. of Oklahoma City while both were graduate students at Iowa State University. They are both now on the staff in physics at M.I.T. in Boston.

James William Scott married Jacqueline Lea McClure from Lebanon, and is a commercial artist and lithographer in Springfield MO. His B.A. is from the School of the Ozarks. They are the parents of Jennifer Ann Scott, born 16 July 1976. Jackie teaches school at Marshfield.

Donald George Scott is still a student. He earned a Masters in Philosophy at Michigan State, and is back on the campus at Missouri University where this year he completes requirements for a law degree. He has plans for further study.

Since graduation from seminary, Rev. Scott has served as pastor of United Methodist Churches at Webb City, Mountain Grove, and now at Versailles. Wealtha assists with the work of the church when needed, and devotes what time is possible to research in genealogy. At present she is struggling to make a book of the material she has collected on the family of George's paternal grandmother, the McConnells. *Wealtha Scott*

## OSCAR B. SCOTT

Oscar Barrington Scott was born July 28, 1873, the first son of Robert and Louisa Gabriel Scott. Robert Scott was born in Liverpool, England and came to the United States at an early age. He spent nearly all his life in Morgan County near Glensted. Robert and Louisa had four other sons; James B., Clarence T., Albert O. and Walter. These four brothers participated in the land rush to Oklahoma, homesteaded and farmed for their entire life in that state. Robert Scott died in 1917 and Louisa several years later. Both are buried in Freedom Cemetery.

Oscar and Lucinda Scott

Oscar was married to Mary Lucinda Newkirk (born April 21, 1871, fourth child of J.D. and Susan C. Smith Newkirk) on December 11, 1895. Witnesses to the ceremony performed in the bride's home were Joe Milburn and Thomas Newkirk. The first home was with the bride's Uncle Thomas and Aunt Alice Newkirk located on a farm northeast of Glensted.

In 1900 Oscar and 'Ludie' moved to a farm located just west of Prairie View Church. In 1915 a new farmhouse was constructed with hot-water heating, carbide lighting and running water. It provided a topic for conversation in that time. "Early to bed and early to rise", was the way Oscar engaged in general farming and trading of livestock. He and friend, Charles E. Ball, often traveled together on horseback buying livestock in Morgan and Benton Counties. During World War I they bought and sold a great number of mules.

In the late 1920s, the Oscar Scotts moved to the farm located about a mile South of Glensted. The Branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad linking Boonville and Versailles was on the western boundary of the farm. Scott grandchildren remember that the train's daily return trip was a signal to take bread out of the oven. Ludie Scott was a fun-loving person and found humor in most situations. She was kept busy with chores of the house, garden and chickens, the lifestyle of a farmer's wife. She enjoyed cooking and there were very few days in her lifetime that she didn't produce a pie or biscuits from the oven. In the early 1940s the Scotts moved back to the farm near Prairie View Church.

On June 5, 1945 Ludie died from injuries sustained in an auto accident occurring near Prairie View Church. One of Ludie's best friends, Mrs. Ed (Edna) DuRoche died the following day as a result of the same accident. A double funeral service was held in the Glensted Methodist Church and they are buried in Glensted Cemetery. Oscar and his younger son, Ray, stayed on the farm for awhile and after a sale spent a few months in Washington State. Later they returned to Missouri and settled on a farm near Syracuse where Oscar died on April 10, 1948. Burial was in the Glensted Cemetery with the Versailles No. 320 A.F. and A.M. officiating.

The O.B. Scotts had two sons. Thomas Bryan was born December 20, 1897 and resides in Tacoma, Washington. He was married to Alice Catherine Leib (daughter of Joseph and Caroline Lehman Leib — born August 13, 1895 — died February 14, 1957) on July 14, 1917. Their children are: Eleanor Scott born May 17, 1918 resides in Puyallup, Washington. Arreta Mildred Scott born December 30, 1919 married Stanley L. Reynolds, has one son Mark Eugene Reynolds (born May 16, 1952) resides in Puyallup, Washington. Thomas Bryan Scott, Jr. born May 29, 1921 married Florence Goddard, has one daughter Cassandra Scott Stephens (born July 26, 1951) resides in Puyallup, Washington. Helen Louise Scott born November 6, 1924 married Terrance P. Garland — has one daughter Caryl Carpenter Thomason (born January 7, 1948) and one son Fredric Scott Carpenter (born October 5, 1951) resides in Anchorage, Alaska.

Robert Ray Scott was born June 9, 1903, never married and lived with his parents. Besides helping his father with farming, he engaged in training and showing gaited horses at shows and fairs in Morgan and adjoining counties. He moved to Puyallup, Washington in 1963 and remained there until his death on January 27, 1974.

The O.B. Scotts also reared Edith Newkirk, niece of Ludie. She married Malcolm Moore, son of George and Edna Moore.

The O.B. Scott's four grandchildren and daughter-in-law lived in the home in the early 1930s. The grandchildren attended Bethel School and later Versailles High School. Daughter-in-law Kate Scott taught in Akinsville and Bethel Schools.

## JAMES ROITER SCRIVNER

James R. Scrivner was born May 4, 1926 in Stover, Mo. He is the son of James Oscar Scrivner, born Feb. 14, 1887, in Scrivner, Mo. and died March 4, 1972, the son of Sarah Isobel Campbell b. June 30, 1853 d. Jan. 17, 1892. Married Sept. 9, 1874 to James Lowvey Scrivner b. Mar. 12, 1851 — d. July 23, 1929.

Oscar married on Dec. 28, 1913 near Stover, Mo. Adella Bertha Roiter b. Feb. 14, 1891, daughter of Christine Wittrock b. June 20, 1868 d. Aug. 14, 1955 and Gustar Roiter b. Jan. 19, 1855 — d. July 15, 1921. As a young man Oscar settled in Stover and opened a barber shop. Their son James attended the Stover schools and graduated in May of 1943 and joined the U.S. Navy. He received his honorable discharge in 1945 as a Medical Tec. 1st Class. He entered Central Methodist College Fayette, Mo. in 1945 and received his B.S. degree in Biology in 1949.

James R. Scrivner Family
Sherry L., Mona J., Honey, Jim and Jamie

Elmer Scrivner Family 1935
Mattie and Elmer Scrivner, *Seated. Standing, l-r:* Angeline, Shirley and Imogene.

On Sept. 3, 1949 he married Bertha Mae (Honey) Guenther b. Oct. 31, 1926 the daughter of Elmer W. and Mildred V. Lumley Guenther.

On Jan. 3, 1950 he entered the Kansas City College of Mortuary Service, graduating as Valedictorian in Oct. of 1950, serving his apprenticeship with Jewell Stevenson Funeral Homes in Stover, Mo. In Jan. 1952 they moved to Versailles and opened the first of the Scrivner Funeral Homes at 209 S. Maple. During this time he also began the first fully equipped ambulance service in Morgan Co. In 1967 he bought out Stevenson and now owns Stover, Versailles, and Russellville Funeral Homes.

Jim helped reorganize the Versailles Chamber of Commerce serving as president the year the Versailles Business district outlined all their buildings in lights. Receiving the Man of the Year award in 1957. He is a past member and chairman of: Morgan Co. Fair Board, Morgan Co. Red Cross Chapter, and Morgan Co. Polio Fund drive. He's a past member of the Gravois Arm Assn. now a member of the Hwy. 5 Vacationland Assn. He is a past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a Mason. He also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, National and Missouri Association of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. Member of the Laurie, Sunrise Beach, Hurricane Deck Chamber of Commerce, Versailles Lions Club, and the United Methodist Church having served on the board and as MYF leader.

On July 8, 1952 Mona Jo was born, Sherry Lynn on Feb. 18, 1955. It was in August of 1957 that Jim and Honey bought the home at 210 E. Jasper and started remodeling and now have one of the homiest and warmest funeral homes in Missouri. On June 9, 1961, Jamie Kaye came along.

In 1971, Jim and Mona were among the first in the area to receive their Emergency Medical Technician license, also receiving their National Registry in July of 1972. It was about this time he received the "Certificate of Appreciation" presented by the Missouri Municipal League for outstanding leadership on behalf of his city and his state.

Besides gardening Jim's hobby is serving others and his community. His good services elected him Mayor of Versailles in 1972 and served until April 1979.

## JOHN ELMER SCRIVNER

John Elmer Scrivner, the son of James L. and Sarah I. Campbell Scrivner, came to Morgan County from Russellville, Mo. Elmer married Minnie Martha (Mattie) Proctor on March 30, 1913, and they came to Stover, where he had shortly before established his business. He was one of the early businessmen of Stover, operating a restaurant and grocery business there for forty years. At the time of his death in 1974, he was the last survivor of the first businessmen in the new town of Stover. The Farmer's Bank of Stover is now located on the former site of the Elmer Scrivner home. Elmer and Mattie were the parents of three daughters: Genevia Angeline, Ethlyn Imogene, and Shirley Ann.

Angeline married Wilburn T. Seaton of Meta, Mo., and lived in Kansas City until her death in 1950.

Imogene taught school in Morgan County, later moving to Kansas City, where she was employed as a bookkeeper. She married Emmett D. Bowers of Stover, and their children are: Daniel Lynn, Richard Stephen (Rick) and Martha Diane. Danny married Barbara Gibson, and now lives in Texas. They are the parents of a son, Chadwick Allenbrook. Rick graduated from KU, is in the real estate business, and lives in Kansas City. Diane graduated from CMSU, and lives in Kansas City employed as a hair stylist.

Shirley has lived in Morgan County all her life, and taught in the rural schools of the county. She married Isaac Armin Wenger of Versailles, and they are the parents of one daughter, Teri Gayle. Teri attended CMSU, now lives in Versailles, where she is employed by the Bank of Versailles. She is married to David L. Nations and has a daughter, Kimberly Erin.

In memory of our parents, we respectfully submit this history with the hope that our children and grandchildren will have the desire to continue to preserve and cherish their heritage. *Submitted by Shirley (Scrivner) Wenger, Imogene (Scrivner) Bowers*

## LETITIA ARLINGTON HUNTER SEARS

In a family of eight children Letitia Arlington was the only daughter. Another girl, Doty, had died as an infant, so Letitia born Nov. 20, 1878, grew up among seven lively brothers. She was the daughter of Thomas Mosby Hunter and his wife, Dora Amanda Rogers Hunter. Known for her beauty and goodness, she was adored by her brothers, and she was the pride and joy of her parents. Her father saw that she was educated in music, and he sent her to the Clarksburg Institute where she prepared herself to teach school. Letitia came back to Morgan County to teach at Prairie Valley School. Several of her young brothers were her pupils there in 1895.

Letitia, affectionately called Lettie, married Alonzo James Sears. They lived in Cooper County in 1900 where Mr. Sears was engaged in farming. Later they went to Oklahoma to homestead land near Frederick, Oklahoma. They returned to Morgan County where Lon J. farmed on the home place with his father, Rufus A. Sears, near Barnett, Mo. Again they left Missouri for the West to homestead land, this time in New Mexico near the town of Springer. In 1913 Rufus Sears had been out to visit his son and family when he became ill. He re-

Prarie Valley School (Sears School)

turned to Missouri, but he died a few days after he reached home. Lon and Lettie then took over the family farm. They had four children. They were: Dora Phidelia Sears, Ralph Hunter Sears, Mildred Murry Sears, and Helen Mae Sears. All of the children except Mildred were born on the farm in Morgan County. She was born while her parents were living in New Mexico. Letitia later lived with her family in Eldon, Mo. and in Columbia, Mo., where she died on November 22, 1938, two days after her sixty-fourth birthday. *Compiled by her daughter, Mildred Sears Holwerk*

## RUFUS ALONZO SEARS

The history of the Sears family in Morgan County, Missouri, begins with one Yankee soldier, Rufus Alonzo Sears, who came to Missouri in 1865. Attracted by the stories of the good land, he, accompanied by his wife, Agnes, arrived in Moniteau County. They lived there until 1879 when they purchased the farm in Morgan County. The farm was located about five miles north of Barnett, Missouri. Rufus A. Sears was a veteran of the Civil War and he had fought on the Union side. He and his wife, the former Agnes Murry Thompson, were married in Meredith, New York, in 1861. Their children were: Elinor Phidelia Sears, 1867-1920, John Hiram born in 1870 — died a few weeks later, and Alonzo James Sears, Oct. 14, 1872, — died July 20, 1947. Elinor Phidelia and Lon J. were educated at the University of Missouri where Lon was a member of one of the first classes to graduate from the college of Agriculture of that University. Phidelia was an accomplished pianist, and taught music in the Barnett area. The Sears family were Baptists and attended Hopewell church. Lon could "sing like a bird" according to the singing school master, and he often sang at Hopewell. Rufus Alonzo Sears died in June of 1913 at the age of 76 at his home in the town of Barnett where he and his wife had retired some years earlier. He had turned over the management of the farm to his son, Alonzo James Sears. Agnes Sears lived several years longer. She and her husband are buried at Eldon, Mo. in the family plot.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Sears

Alonzo James Sears married Letitia Arlington Hunter on April 3, 1901. They lived in Cooper Co. for a year, after which they homesteaded land in Oklahoma. They also homesteaded land in Springer, New Mexico area. After Rufus' death they came back to Missouri to the home farm in Morgan Co. They built a home in Eldon in 1919. After suffering reverses in the great depression, Lon J. Sears moved his family to Columbia,

Missouri where he established a dairy farm in 1928. The four children born to Alonzo James Sears and his wife, Letitia, were Dora Phidelia Sears, born March 2, 1904. She was educated at Warrensburg and taught in the Eldon, Mo. schools, Independence, Mo. schools, and Boone Co. schools and Los Angeles schools. She now resides in Baldwin Park, California. The second child of Lon and Letty was Ralph Hunter Sears. He was born Feb. 20, 1906, and died on Nov. 30, 1964. He was a dairy farmer with his father in Boone County, Mo. After his father's death, he became a builder. He married Grace Ellen Mennell of Eldon, Mo. They were parents of one son, James Mennell Sears born on Nov. 15, 1939. James Mennell Sears married Doris Saunderlin Banks in 1970. Their three children are Gary Banks, Mary Ellen Sears and James Saunderlin Sears. The family resides in Columbia, Mo. where Jim is engaged in the building business established by his father. The third child of Alonzo James Seras was Mildred Murry Sears, born June 14, 1913. She now lives in Lexington, Ky. She married Sol Otis Holwerk, and they had two children: David Hunter Holwerk, and Letitia Gail Holwerk. Mildred is a graduate of the University of Mo. and the University of Kentucky. A widow now, she is retired from the Fayette Co schools, Lexington, Kentucky. Letitia Holwerk married Mark Armstrong, and they and their daughter, Evan, live in Frankfort, Ky. where he is an Assistant Attorney General of Kentucky. David Holwerk is a Copy Editor for the Lexington, Ky. Herald. He and his wife, the former Colleen Hattemer, reside in Lexington. Helen Mae Sears was the fourth child of Lon and Letty. Born in Barnett, Mo., on May 26, 1917, she was educated at the University of Mo. She married Charles Spencer and they had one son, Billy, who died in 1946. She then married William de Vries, and they had six children: Patricia, Ralph, Daniel, Linda, Fred, and Jean. There are twelve grandchildren: Billy, Christina, Letty, and Dora Mileur who are children of Patricia and George Mileur; Roberta, Jacqueline, and Guy are children of Jean and Guy McDaniel. Matthew, Daniel and Scott are sons of Ralph de Vries. Adam and David are sons of Daniel de Vries. Linda and Fred deVries are unmarried.

Helen married William Radefeld after the death of William de Vries. She and her husband reside in Baldwin Park, Calif.

The Morgan County ties are strong in the lives of Rufus A. Sears' descendents even though those descendents are scattered throughout the land. *Compiled by Mildred Sears Holwerk, Granddaughter of Rufus Sears. Daughter of Alonzo James Sears*

## EZRA G. SELF

Ezra G. Self was born May 12, 1889, in Carterton, Va.; one of 13 children born to Leonard and Margarite Counts Self. Ezra's family came from Ireland to Virginia in the early 1800's. In the mid-1800's, Ezra's relatives moved to Morgan County, eight miles northwest of Versailles, where he homesteaded many acres known as Self Prairie. Self Chapel School, the "Devil's Backbone" ridge and rattlesnake dens east of Self Chapel are in this area.

In 1906, Ezra, with his parents, brothers and sisters, moved to Morgan County and settled on a farm east of Glensted. Ezra served in France from 1917 to 1919, during World War I.

After the war, Ezra Self pursued his love for music and formed the "Uncle Ezra Band," composed of Gilbert Starke (guitar), Raymond Silvey (steel guitar), Leonard Koehring (banjo) and Ezra on the violin. The band played for Lake area parties, dances, farm club meetings and school programs in the '20s and '30s, and on the radio stations at Jefferson City and Columbia.

Ezra married Hulda Kroeschen, of Glensted. Their son, Calvin, was born April 2, 1927.

Ezra Self was employed at the MFA Exchange at Versailles for several years; then worked at Tweedie Footwear. When Tweedies moved the plant to Jefferson City, Ezra commuted from Versailles for a few years, then he and Hulda moved to Jefferson City. Calvin lived with his grandparents during this period, and attended Self Chapel School.

Ezra Self

In 1941, Ezra became ill with Rheumatism and was bedfast for a year, unable to work. In 1942, the family bought a farm two miles northwest of Versailles known as the "Burns farm." Meanwhile, Tweedie had reopened a plant in Versailles to manufacture shelter halves (pup tents).

By the late 1940's, Ezra's parents had died and his brothers and sisters had moved out of Morgan County.

Calvin Self attended Stover High School. In 1945, he enlisted in the armed services, serving in South Korea until February, 1947. In 1948, he returned to Morgan County to marry Eula Brown, of Florence. Calvin and Eula bought a farm west of Florence, which they owned until 1977, when they sold the land and moved to Holt Summit, Mo., where Calvin is employed in the home construction business.

Calvin and Eula have two daughters. Debbie was born Aug. 17, 1949. She is married to Gary Vogel of Versailles, and now lives at New Bloomfield. Lana was born Aug. 15, 1951, and is married to Tom Langford. They live on a farm east of Sedalia.

In 1956, Ezra Self built a new home. He made many trips to his birthplace in Virginia. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the American Legion. He died in 1959.

After Ezra's death, his wife, Hulda, remained on the farm. On Nov. 9, 1975, she was married to Elmer Zimmerschied. *By Hulda Zimmerschied*

## HARMON SEMKEN
## (Later Changed to Semkin)

Harmon Semkin was born in the year 1830 in Fuenfhausen Hanover, Germany. He married Allaide Gerken. She also was born in Fuenfhausen. Their children were Alice and Henry. Alice married Adolph Zimmerschied and had two children, Artie and Nettie.

Henry married Mathilda Loeffler, daughter of George and Christina (Fisher) Loeffler. They settled on a farm west of Florence, near Haw Creek in an old log Butterfield Stage Coach Inn. It had two large rooms, one to house men and the other used to house women. These larger rooms were divided. The barns to stable the horses were near the branch, below the Stage Coach Inn. This farm is just south of the old landmark, "Overhanging rock" on Haw Creek, Morgan County. A son, Walter, and his family lived there many years, now the Walter Reusch family lives there. Henry and Mathilda built a new house in 1905 just south of the old Inn. Their children are Herman, August, George, Lillian, Walter, and Mary. Herman and August died five days apart of measles, Herman was six and August was four. George married Eda Bremer. Their children are Ruby, Eunice, Glen, Eugene, Katherine, Angeline, Dennis, and Amos.

Ruby married Raymond Dicky and had two children, Raymond, Jr., and Joshphine. After Ruby's husband died she married Benard Stanfield and have a daughter, Denise. Ray, Jr. married Jo Ann Dugan, they have 3 children, Ray Jr., Larry, and Chris.

Eunice married Raymond Marority and had three daughters, Barbara, Jeanne, and Connie. Barbara married Elroy Schumaker. Jeanne married Gary Burford and have a daughter, Jill. Glen married Myrtle Stuhner and had a son, Richard, and a daughter, Joyce. Myrtle and Joyce were both killed in an auto accident. Glen then married Ethel Potter. They have five children, Bobby, Kathy, Karen, George, and Carolyn.

Eugene married Sylvia Phelps and has three children, Linda, Chris, and Cynthia. Katherine married Ollie Olson. They had no children. Angeline married Walter Ehlers and have a son, David, and daughter, Susan. David is married and has a son, Tony.

Dennis married Mabel Phillips and has six children, Sally, Sam, Stacy, Seth, Savanna, and Billy Joe.

Amos married Norma Kelly and they have a daughter Subrena and son Shane.

Lillian married Carl Zimmerschied. Their children are Lawrence, Edwin, Gertrude, Gladys, and Irene. Lawrence married Marie Sluder and have a son, Allen, who married Joyce Bell. They have twin daughters, Jody and Michelle. Edwin married Dora Witt and have two sons, Carl and Paul. Carl married Nedra Durham. Their children are Paula, Carla, and Joy. Paul married Lois Crouch.

Gertrude married Kenneth Siegel and have a daughter Cathy and son Kenny. Cathy married Ken Colyne, and they have two children; Sheri and Cary. Irene married Oscar Roloff and have three children; Dan, Nanette, and Wayne. Dan married Celeste Biles. Wayne married Monta Jo Farmer and have a daughter Lelana.

Walter married Emma Shultz and they had twin daughters, Dorine and Irine, Mildred, Leonard, and Lavera. Irene and Mildred died when babies. Dorene married John Zimmerschied. They have three children, Ray, Sue, and Larry. Ray married Patty George and have two sons, Timothy and Mark. Sue married Melvin Robinson and also have two sons, Jason and Ryan. Larry married Jackie Smith and they too have two sons, Larry, Jr. and Randy Ray.

Leonard married Betty Meyer. They have one daughter, Sharon, who married John Atkinson. Lavera married Melvin Harrell and they have a son, Gregory, and a daughter, Diane.

Mary married Earnest Oehrke and have a son, Earl, and a daughter Opal. Earl married Ruby Zimmerschied. They have a daughter, Carolyn and a son, Richard. Carolyn married Dale Montgomery and they also have a daughter, Tamara (Tammy) Dee and a son, Shannon Dale. Richard married Judy Templeton and they have three children, Michael Shane, Jason Kirk, and Jada Nicole.

Opal married Edgar Zimmerschied and have two daughters, Mary Ann and Joyce Louise. Mary Ann married James Richwine. They also have two daughters, Jami Ann and Kimberly Kay.

In the year 1922 Henry was elected to serve as Judge of the Western District, County Court. He served two terms from 1922 to 1926. *Mrs. Earl Oehrke*

## WILLIAM B. SHARPLES

William B. Sharples was born in North Carolina on Aug. 1, 1835. He came to Morgan County in 1850, with his father. On Feb. 23, 1860, he married Nancy Strong, who was born June 10, 1838.

Their son, Robert S. Sharples, was born Jan. 4, 1861, and died April 12, 1936. Susie A. was born July 11, 1863; died November, 1909. Sarah E. was born Oct. 2, 1865; died in 1955. Eliza Jane was born Oct. 28, 1867; died March 4, 1949. William A. was born Sept. 28, 1872; died Jan. 16, 1937. Nancy M. was born Mar. 4, 1876; died April 6, 1960. Thomas J. was born May 5, 1878; died April 15, 1908. Rosa L. was born Nov.

Nancy Sharples

16, 1880; died May 16, 1961. Mary Eldora was born Feb. 14, 1885; died Dec. 10, 1959. Robert S. Sharples never married, but lived all his life on the home farm north of Barnett.

Susie A. Sharples married James Englebrecht. Their children were Alberta, Dolly, Grace, Eunice, Ethel, Hazel and Ada; and one son, Ferris. Sarah Sharples married James Gracy. Their children were Carl and Frank.

Eliza Jane Sharples married William K. Hunter. Their children were Doris — who died in infancy, Donnan K., Floyd S. and Mildred Lee.

William A. Sharples married Nora Vannoy. Their children were Clarence Elma, and Neil. Nancy Margaret Sharples never married; she was a missionary in Chicago and Canada.

Thomas J. Sharples married Ida Campbell. There were Roy, Berdie and Ruth. Rosa L. Sharples never married. She spent her life in Oklahoma and on the home farm in Morgan County. Mary Eldora married Rube Lehman, and lived in Deer Creek, Okla., where they were in the mercantile business. Their children were Lawvera, Arleen, Francis, James and Robert.

James M. Sharples moved to Oregon, where he married and raised a family.

William B. Sharples died in 1903. Nancy Strong Sharples died on July 17, 1927. *By Donnan K. Hunter*

## JOSEPHUS A. SHAW

Josephus A. Shaw was born in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1850. At the age of fifteen, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Southwestern States and Mexico. Mr. Shaw was wounded while fighting Indians, an injury from which he suffered the rest of his life. In 1875, he drove a stagecoach in Texas. He came to Miller County, Missouri and helped build the Rock Island Railroad from Barnett to Versailles in 1901, working for a small wage. In 1907, he moved to the Hopewell Community.

Mr. Shaw was married in 1881 to Mary Hannah Smith, daughter of Thomas and Ann Smith. To this union, five children were born: Dell 1882-1969; Rose 1884-1950, she was married to Orbin Hayse who died in 1930; Charlie 1886-1956; Tom 1888-1965; and Ellsworth 1890.

Ellsworth married Emma Schad and they reside in Versailles. Most of the men were farmers.

Tom Shaw married Mollie Forrest Callison, daughter of Henry and Mollie Ferguson Callison of Excelsior in 1911. Forrest passed away in 1933. They had four children; Buelah, who is married to Johnnie Blankenship, lives north of Versailles; Yupha married John Lewis, who worked at the Arsenal in Rock Island, Illinois until his death in 1966; (Yupha still lives there) D.E. Shaw (Bill), who was in the service in World War II, and on his return started work for J.L. Case Company in 1946 and lives in Burlington, Iowa; and Lola who lives with Johnnie and Buelah Blankenship of Versailles.

Shaw Family
Josephus A., his wife Mary and Dell. *Back row:* Tom, Ellsworth, Rose and Charlie.

D.E. (Bill) Shaw was married in 1947 to Shirley Becht of Osco, Illinois. They are parents of two daughters; Karen, who is married to Eldon Neff and lives east of Burlington, and Beverly, who is married to Mike Strickland and lives in Florida. Beverly has two children, Melissa and Christopher.

Joe Shaw lived a very adventurous life and was friends with well-known figures like "Buffalo Bill" Cody and "Wild Bill" Hickok. *Contributed by a grand-daughter, Lola Shaw*

## GEORGE W. SHECKLER

George W. Sheckler was born in Huntingdon County, Pa. 10 May, 1800. In this county 17 Feb., 1825 he married Susannah (Weaver), born 16 Jan., 1867, who had moved there with her parents from western Maryland. They moved to Cambria and Armstrong Counties, and were parents of 11 children: Mary, Catharine, Frederick, Barbara, Henry, Jeremiah, Susanah, George, Elizabeth, Jacob and John. Henry, Jeremiah and John died at an early age in Pa. George died with yellow fever in the Civil War and Frederick was killed in action. Three daughters, Catharine, Barbara and Susanah remained in Pa. George W. and Susanah (Weaver) Sheckler migrated to Morgan County in 1868 with three of their children. They were Mary and her husband, James Anderson, Elizabeth and Jacob M.

George and Susanah (Weaver) Sheckler lived about 4 miles N.W. of Versailles, near Antioch Church of God. Susanah died 8 Oct., 1876. George W. died 2 Nov., 1881. They are buried at Mt. Nebo Cemetery. Although the Sheckler name is now extinct in this area, there are presently many descendents who will cherish memories handed down of these brave Pioneers, who dared to come across the country with their sparse belongings, with a covered wagon as an only shelter, and the generosity of grandma Sheckler's rich Pennsylvania Dutch hospitality, whose home was always open to the weary traveler.

Jacob Martin Sheckler was born 25 July, 1845 in Cambria County, Pa., son of George W. and Susanah (Weaver) Sheckler. 24 Oct., 1867-69 he married Sarah Ann Berkstresser, daughter of William W. and Elizabeth (Putt) Berkstresser. Jacob M. and his mother, were two of the six original members and organizers of The Antioch Church of God in that locality. With increasing generations it grew to be a large family church. These families who brought with them from Pa. their faith and beliefs of the Church of God of North America, originally established by John Winebrenner in 1825, were indeed loyal, possessing quality respect.

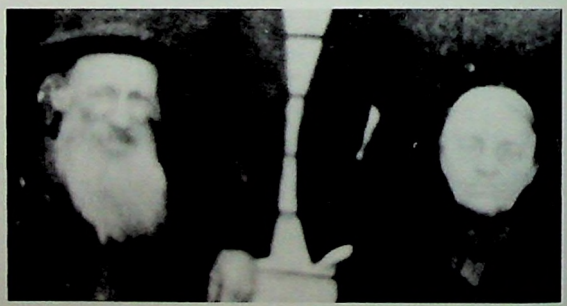
The Sheckler and Berkstresser families were instrumental in founding what is believed to be the first Church of God of North America in the state of Missouri in 1869. As an elder

George and Susannah Sheckler

and minister of this church, Jacob M. performed a number of marriages in Morgan County. He died 14 Jan., 1884. Sarah A. (Berkstresser) Sheckler married John R. Hodges 12 Nov., 1885. She died 30 May, 1914. Jacob and Sarah are buried at Mt. Nebo Cemetery. They were parents of two daughters, Susan Frances and Mary Esther.

## CHARLES EDWARD SHEPP

On November 18, 1886, Charles Edward Shepp was married to Amanda Estella Lehman, at the bride's family home in the St. Martin school district of Morgan County. The marriage was performed by David Bowman, a Church of the Brethren minister.



John Oscar and Summerville Ann (Rhonger) Shepp

The union of Amanda Lehman and Charles Shepp brought together two pioneering American families. Amanda's father, Peter C. Lehman, was born September 5, 1825, near Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Christian and Elizabeth Berkey Lehman, and married Elizabeth Wingard.

The Lehmans joined the westward migration and settled in Morgan County in the mid-1800's. Ten children were born to Peter and Elizabeth. Amanda was the ninth.

Amanda Estella Lehman Shepp

Charles Edward Shepp

Peter Lehman died on November 28, 1894, and was buried beside his wife at Prairie View Church cemetery.

On the Shepp side of the family, Charles Edward was the eldest son of John Oscar Shepp, a third-generation American, and Summerville Ann Rhonier. Charles was born on January 5, 1863 — just four days after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation — on a farm near Keezletown, Virginia.

When Charles Shepp turned 17 years of age, Virginia and other Dixie states were still reeling from the Civil War and Reconstruction. Young Shepp moved to Missouri, settling first in Saline County. Later, in the early 1880's, he came to Morgan County and went to work for Peter Lehman.

Farm work was hard and the hours long, but Charles found time to court and win his boss's next-to-youngest daughter, Amanda Lehman. Seven children were born to Charles and Amanda, two of which died in infancy. Charles Edward and Amanda Estella Shepp lived their married life in the St. Martin school area of Morgan County. Amanda died November 29, 1937. Charles died April 27, 1948.

Of the five surviving children of Charles and Amanda Shepp, three sons — Thomas Gilbert, Ernest Abraham and Hiram Edward — made their lives and raised families in Morgan County. The eldest son, William Oscar Shepp, lives in Salem, Oregon. The one daughter, Geneva Gertrude Shepp Cole, lives in Humble, Texas. *Submitted by Thomas G. Shepp*

## DAVID FRANKLIN SHORT

David Franklin Short, son of George Thomas Short and Dicie Jane (Newkirk) Short, was born March 26, 1884 on a farm in Morgan County, Mo. north of Fortuna. David attended elementary school at St. Martin, a one room county school. He graduated from Hills Business College, Sedalia, June 8, 1901. He attended Hooper Institute, Clarksburg, Mo. and graduated June 8, 1905.

The next three years he taught school in Morgan County during the winter and summers were spent in the State Normal School at Warrensburg which later became the Central Missouri State University. David decided he could combine farming with teaching so he rented a farm, two miles east of Glensted, from his uncle, Thomas Newkirk. March 27, 1909 he was married to a former classmate of Hooper Institute and State Normal School, Ethel Edna Lammert, daughter of Henry and Eldora (Morris) Lammert of California, Mo.

In 1910 they bought their own farm, five miles north of Glensted and called it Lone Elm. They fed out herds of cattle with crops grown on their farm. David had the idea of silos to take care of the crops they grew. So in 1913 he and his brother-in-law, Richard Davis, supervised the construction of two large concrete silos, which have become a Morgan County landmark.

Ethel and David Short

Mrs. Morris Short beside the silos on the Dave Short Farm

The Shorts had four children: Marguerite (Mrs. Floyd Nelson), David, Morris, and Edna (Mrs. Ralph Hall). David has a bookstore and news agency in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Morris lives in Richland, Wash. and retired from the Hanford Manhattan Project in 1976. Marguerite and Edna reside in Versailles. Marguerite retired from teaching after 29 years, 20 of which were done in the Public Schools of Morgan County R II District at Versailles. Edna works for the Missouri Division of Family Services in Morgan County.

David Franklin Short died March 7, 1917. Ethel continued to manage the farm until the spring of 1928. As Ethel had

taught school before her marriage and the need for teachers was great; she was encouraged to return to teaching. She taught school in Morgan and Moniteau Counties until her death Aug. 31, 1943.

David and Ethel Short will be remembered as teachers with strong convictions that firm discipline is essential to learning and well-being of the classroom to educate responsible citizens of tomorrow. *By Marguerite Nelson*

## DAVID NEWKIRK SHORT

David Newkirk Short, son of David Franklin and Ethel (Lammert) Short, was born August 5, 1911 at the Lone Elm farm near Akinsville, Morgan County, Missouri. David attended elementary school at Akinsville and Fortuna. He attended High School at Versailles and California, Missouri.

After graduating in 1930, David went to Kansas City, Missouri where he was employed by the South West News Agency. David didn't know at the time that some phase of news distribution and circulation was to become his life work. He was associated with news agencies in Joplin, Missouri, Wichita, Kansas, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Ft. Worth, Lubbock, and El Paso, Texas. In October, 1963 he bought his own business, the Star News Agency in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Later with the help of his wife he opened a bookstore in conjunction with the news agency. During the period from February 1944 to December 1945 David served in the United States Navy.

On July 1, 1936 he was married to Anne Speer, daughter of Robert Francis and Eva (Houghton) Speer of Joplin, Missouri. David and Anne had two sons, David Jr. and Robert Francis. David Jr. is married to the former Sarah Barrios of El Paso, Texas and works for the U.S. Post Office in Tucumcari. They have two children, Suzanne Marie and David III. Robert is married to the former Josephine Corona of El Paso, Texas and works as an Operations Officer for Security Pacific National Bank in Monterey Park, California. They have three children, Thomas, Robert Jr. and Amy Dianne.

David still resides in Tucumcari. He finds time from business to take an active part in Veterans of Foreign Wars. He says Tucumcari will probably continue to be home, but he is proud to say, "I'm from Missouri", and to be a part of Morgan County History. *Marguerite Nelson*

## GEORGE THOMAS SHORT

George Thomas Short known as "Tom", was born Nov. 8, 1849, Harper County, Va. He came to Moniteau County, Mo. at age of 16. His brother and sisters were Ellen, Laura, Ella and Robert. On Feb. 17, 1876 Tom married Dicie Jane Newkirk, she was born Sept. 24, 1851 the daughter of Mary McPherson and David Seaton Newkirk. She was born at the old homestead her father had built when he came on the wagon train from Bullitt County, Ky. in 1836 and settled near where Newkirk Cemetery is today. Dicie's brother and sisters were Thomas, Melinda, Charles, Sarah, Rose Ann, Joseph, William, Jesse, Savanah and James D. Dicie died 1905, and Tom in 1924, both are buried in the Newkirk Cemetery.

Tom and Dicie's five sons all born in Morgan County, Mo. three miles southeast of Fortuna, on the farm later known as the Tom Hays Farm. The boys attended St. Martin one room school. Robert, David and Allen also attended Hooper Institute at Clarksburg, Mo. Bob and Dave taught school in Morgan Co. and Allen in Southern Mo.

Joseph Clayton Short, called "Clay" the oldest born Dec. 12, 1876, married Maude Hickle March 14, 1906, the daughter of Mary Dudley and Charles Elmer Hickle, was born Feb. 1, 1887 in Kansas. She died in 1933 in Alva, Okla. and Clay died 1956 in Kiowa, Kans. Both buried in Hardtner, Kans. Four children born in Kiowa, Kans. Katherine Short born 1910, married Donald Franklin Nov. 8, 1930, no children. Edith Short born 1912, married George Yochum, one child Richard Yochum. Kenneth Short born 1919 married Marie Luken. Their children, Darrel born 1951, Rebecca born 1958. Neil

Sons of Tom Short
*1st. row:* Allen, Clay, Robert; 2nd. row: David, Charles.

Short born 1924 married Joan Potts, one child Linda born 1947. Neil's second marriage Jan. 27, 1952 to Norma Jean Greenwood. No children, but raised Linda.

Robert Roger Short, called "Bob", born Nov. 29, 1878, married Ottoline McVey. She was born April 6, 1882 and died Jan. 8, 1936. Bob died in Sept. 1934. Both buried Okmulgee, Okla. Children are Anna Elizabeth Short born 1910, remained single. Robert Short Jr. born 1912, married Rhetta Patton. Two children, Judith Short born 1941 married Art Whitlock, one child Robert Whitlock born 1972. Roger Short born 1944 married Kathy Vosburgh 1976. Thomas Short born 1915 married Mary Ann Caldwell Oct. 4, 1941. Three children, Thomas Short II born 1943, married Joy Soules Aug. 7, 1970. Children Thomas III born 1974 and Molly born 1977; Cynthia Short born 1952, married John Haliburton Aug. 4, 1972, one child James Haliburton 1977; Mary Short born 1954, married Larry Harris June 26, 1976, one child Lyon Harris 1977.

Allen Vest Short called "A.V." born Sept. 20, 1880 married Mary Martin Aug. 7, 1918. She was the daughter of Grace Redman and Matthew Martin born March 22, 1894. She died Dec. 21, 1975 and A.V. died Oct. 18, 1966. Both buried Riverview Cemetery, Arkansas City, Kans. They had no children.

David Franklin Short called Dave born March 26, 1884, married Ethel Edna Lammert (see David Franklin Short's sketch in this book.) Dave was the only one of the Short boys that stayed in Morgan Co.

Charles Spurgeon Short, fifth son of Thomas Short, born Jan. 24, 1888, married Helen Myers Aug. 1, 1919. Helen was the daughter of Laura Belle Ford and Charles Edward Myers, she was born Sept. 27, 1895, Ft. Scott, Kans. Charles served in World War I, he died Nov. 30, 1944 at Newkirk, Okla. Buried in the Newkirk cemetery there. Their only son Richard Short, born 1926, married Lois Ann Rhodes Dec. 21, 1955. They have two children Charles born 1957 and Melissa born 1962.

On Nov. 6, 1920, Tom Short married his second wife Nannie Edna J.S. (Wright) Newkirk, the widow of Napoleon "Bud" Newkirk. Tom was buried by his first wife, Dicie Jane, in the Newkirk Cemetery.

## MORRIS LAMMERT SHORT

Morris Lammert Short, son of David Franklin Short and Ethel Edna Lammert Short, was born September 13, 1913 at Lone Elm Farm near Akinsville, Morgan County, Missouri. Morris attended elementary school at Akinsville and Fortuna. In 1928, Mrs. Short (by then a widow) and her children moved from the farm to California, Mo. Morris attended high school there as well as in Versailles, and El Paso, Texas.

Upon completion of school, the urge to see the country took Morris to New York State in 1933. He found work, made friends and settled in Schroon Lake, a small town in the Adirondack Mountains. In 1934, he met Genevieve Wilson Allen, a native of that summer resort. They were married the next

Morris' Retirement Party 1976
*L-r:* Norma, Marcia, Genevieve, Morris, Wanda and David.

year in New York City where Genevieve had just concluded her Beauty Culture Training.

The newlyweds settled in Schroon Lake. While they lived there, three children were born — a daughter, Norma Dean; a son, David William, and another daughter, Wanda Lee. In 1941, the family moved to Ilion, New York where Morris worked at Remington Arms until 1944; then came the opportunity to go to the State of Washington for the duration of the war.

Men from every defense plant in the United States were being recruited to work at the Hanford Manhattan Project with headquarters in Richland. Morris began work as a D Operator. It wasn't until the day after the birth of the Short's third daughter, Marcia Rae, on August 7, 1945, that they and the world knew that he had been working on the atomic bomb. As the years passed, Morris progressed through the ranks to a managerial position, a position he held for several years before he retired.

In preparation for keeping busy after retirement, Morris and a friend formed a corporation in early 1971. They named their business Lam-Ken Industries, Incorporated, involving the sale of golf cars, batteries, accessories and rental units for storage of privately-owned golf cars. His business partner died in 1974, so Morris retired in 1976 to devote full time to the business.

Nearly 30 years ago, after all of the children were in school, Genevieve started driving a newspaper route and is still driving a route to this day.

Upon graduation from high school, Norma Dean became a secretary; then spent two years in the Navy. She married Lloyd W. Roddy in 1961 and they have three children. David William joined the Navy and married Cheiko Tanaka Steward in 1965. Near the end of his 20-years service, his wife died during his tour of duty in Japan. He married Sawako Hirano in 1973. There are no children from either marriage. Wanda Lee became a secretary until her marriage to Ernest Ivaldi in 1964. They have three children. Marcia Rae married Carl W. Dean in 1963. They have two children. Marcia drives a bus for the Richland School District. Norma and David make their homes in Richland; Wanda, in Hayward, California, and Marcia, in Benton City, Washington. *By Genevieve Short*

## JAMES C. SIDEBOTTOM

James C. Sidebottom (often spelled Sydebotham) was born in August, 1819, on a farm in Clark County, Kentucky, near the town of Winchester. James was the 16th of 17 children born to John and Jenny Sidebottom. His father, John, was born Dec. 11, 1750, in Prince William County, Va., and served in the Revolutionary War battles of New York Island, White Plains, Brandywine and Germantown. During the battle of Trenton, he was one of two men who carried a wounded James Monroe from the battlefield.

James Sidebottom came to Missouri as a young man, and settled on a farm near Soap Creek, in the Buffalo Township of Morgan County. He later sold his interest in his father's estate in Kentucky, and homesteaded land on Lick Branch, east of Riffletown.

James married Tabetha Wilson, from the state of Virginia, on July 28, 1850, in Morgan County. Two sons, William and Peter, were born to this marriage. After Tabetha's death, James Sidebottom married Margery Andrews on March 24, 1859. Seven children were born to this marriage.

Peter Milton Sidebottom, the younger son of James by his first wife, was born Jan. 17, 1852, on a farm in southeast Morgan County, about three miles east of Gladstone.

On Mar. 10, 1874, Peter married Rachel Tracy. He bought land adjoining his father's farm on the north, cleared the timber and built his home. Peter was a successful farmer and cattleman, and was active in the Masonic Lodge, becoming a 32nd degree Mason. He died in 1924, at the age of 72 years, on the farm he cleared and developed. His wife, Rachel Tracy Sidebottom, died in 1928.

Seven children were born to Peter and Rachel Sidebottom: Elizabeth, Jasper, Manual, Lee, Walter, Albert and William. Lee Sidebottom was born Feb. 15, 1880, on the family farm near Gladstone. He lived and worked on his father's farm until he was married at the age of 20, then worked at a number of jobs, including construction of the Rock Island Railroad between Kansas City and St. Louis.

Lee married Ella McDonald on May 22, 1900. At the time of their marriage, the couple lived in Morgan County. Lee had moved back to the Lick Branch area and rented a farm joining his father's farm. He continued to rent there until the owner sold the acreage in November, 1913, when he bought the farm. He lived on the farm until his death on July 4, 1955, at the age of 75.

Six children were born to Lee and Ella McDonald Sidebottom: Louie Churchil, Winford Amous, Raymond Charles and Virginia. Charles M. died soon after birth, and Ethel Lee Sidebottom Radcliff died July 5, 1944.

Louie Churchil Sydebotham (Sidebottom) was born Sept. 13, 1903, on the family farm. He worked on his father's and grandfather's farms until the age of 15, then worked for several employers, including a farmer called "Texas High" Madole. Louie helped construct the electrical power line between Eldon and Sedalia.

Louie Sydebotham then moved to Kansas City, where he worked at the Forest Hill Cemetery. He returned to Morgan County on July 2, 1925, to marry Anna Fay Kidwell, daughter of Dave Kidwell and Laura Gunn Kidwell of Barnett.

Bill Lewis Sydebotham was born to Louie and Anna Fay on Mar. 24, 1926. Bill and his wife, the former Eveora Hillyer of Guam, live in Palo Alto, California, with their three children Sandy, Renae and Gregory Lewis. *Submitted by Winford Sydebotham*

## CARL SIEGEL

Carl C. Siegel was born in Morgan County Nov. 5, 1887, the son of W.P. and Charlotte Raffeiscien Siegel. He grew up in the Syracuse community and attended the German school at Florence and Buford School.

He was married to Mary DeHaven of Otterville Jan. 21, 1911. Three sons were born, Carl, Peter and Eugene.

Mary died on April 1, 1919. Carl bought a general store from H.A. Bremer and moved to Florence in 1921.

He married Roma Rasa Dec. 21, 1927. Their children were Mary, Dorothy, Paul and another son. They sold the merchandise in the store and moved to a farm northeast of Florence in 1941.

Mary, who was born Dec. 25, 1930, attended Warrensburg college one year and entered nurses training at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, where she received an R.N. degree.

Carl Siegel

She married Gerald Hesse June 5, 1954. Their sons are Kerry and Chris. They live on a farm near Vandalia. Mary is a school nurse at Vandalia schools.

Carl Siegel Family

Dorothy was born June 15, 1943. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Missouri and worked as a head nurse of the labor and delivery floor at Boone County Hospital and in St. John's Hospital at Springfield, Mo. She married James Spencer Sept. 16, 1960. Their children are Debbie, Brenda, Jimmy and Michael. They live near Ozark, Mo.

Paul was born Nov. 16, 1947 and received a B.S. degree from the University of Missouri, in 1969. He married Barbara Sinory April 12, 1970. Their children are Sheila, Paul, II and Joshua. They live on a farm northeast of Florence, where Paul was raised and own the farm where his grandmother Siegel was raised near Syracuse.

Carl D. received his A.B. degree in 1935 and B.S. degree in 1938 from the University of Missouri and his M.D. degree in 1940 from New York University. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1936. He served in active duty and reserve continuously through Jan. 1975. He was Army Guard state surgeon for twenty years. He married Ruth Suticliffe of Taneytown, Md. August 6, 1943.

Their children ar Carol and Carl, II. He practiced medicine for twenty-five years then was associate regional health director for nine years and chief of out-patient service at KCVAN for four years. He is now a pathology resident at Tulane University and Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Ruth died Feb. 26, 1978.

Peter married Mary Cunningham Sept. 14, 1940. Their children are Peter V., Jr., Mary and Audie.

Peter received A.B. degree and B.S. degree in medicine from University of Missouri and his M.D. degree from New York University. He served in the Navy for five years in the South Pacific during World War II and two years during the Korean conflict. He practiced medicine in Smithton until 1966 when he entered government service with the Federal Aviation Agency. He was Federal Air Surgeon until 1974 when he moved to Jacksonville, Fla.

Eugene received a B.S. degree in horticulture from the University of Missouri in 1941. He enlisted in the Marine Corps before graduation and began active duty right after graduation, receiving his commission as 2nd Lieut. He was assigned to the 2nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion with that Battalion as platoon commander to battalion commander in the South Pacific. He was in assault landing against the Japanese on Tarawa, Saipan, Tinnian and Okinawa. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry on Tarawa and the Bronze Star for heroic action on Saipan. He was assigned as the U.S. forces operations officer at Guantanann, Cuba during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, and as a senior marione advisor to the Republic of Korea Marine Corps.

He married Mary Kathleen Sheedy of Seneca, Ill. May 24, 1946. They have one son, Michael. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1968 with the rank of colonel. He worked for eight years as health planner in San Diego County, Calif. and now lives in Solana Beach, Calif.

Carl Siegel died Aug. 27, 1964 and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Sedalia, Mo.

## JOHN PETER SIEGEL

John Peter Siegel and Lena C. Rodenbaugh were born in Reichenhein Kreis on Rhine, Trussia and came by boat to New Orleans, La. and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and settled in Morgan County with their parents. They were married in the United States. Their children were Pete, Louis, Henry, Anna, Lizzie, Kate and Lou.

W.P. Siegel Family

Pete (W.P.) was born Nov. 27, 1858 and grew up in Morgan County, Mo. On April 22, 1885 he was married to Charlotte Raffeisen, daughter of Karl and Charlotte Schupp Raffeisen. Karl Raffeisen came to the United States from Hanover, Germany at age 29, and settled in the Haw Creek community.

The Schupp family came over and also settled near Haw Creek at about the same time. The children of W.P. and Charlotte were Carl, Ida, Florentine, Edna and Emma. They lived near Syracuse where he worked as a carpenter for many years. He was very active in the Republican party and worked hard for many candidates.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ and served on the board for several years.

Ida and Florentine worked in Kansas City for many years. Edna married August Vieth and lived on a farm near Bel Air, Mo. When August died Edna moved to Boonville.

Emma married Earl Steele and have lived near Syracuse all their lives. He farmed until he retired and they moved into Syracuse. Their two daughters are Louise, who married Armin Landis and lives in Lawrence, Kans., and Dorothy, who married Leonard Koenke, Jr. and lives in Syracuse.

Carl married Mary DeHaven Jan. 21, 1914. Three sons were born, Carl D., Peter and Eugene. They lived on a farm near Syracuse.

Mary died April 1, 1919. In 1921 Carl bought a general store from H.A. Bremer and moved to Florence. On Dec. 21, 1927 he married Roma Rasa. They had four children, Mary, Dorothy, Paul, and an infant son who died June 25, 1942 the day after he was born.

They operated the store until 1941 when they moved to a farm northeast of Florence.

Carl died Aug. 27, 1964. W.P. Siegel and Charlotte are buried in Florence Cemetery.

## JAMES SILVEY

James Silvey was born in Morgan County in 1840 or 1841. His parents came to this county from the State of Tennessee, probably in late 1820, or early 1830, and were among the early settlers in the southern part of the county, living in the Gravois Mills area. James grew up in this area, and married Prudence Marriott, whose parents were also among the early settlers, and who also came from Tennessee. They were married in 1860 or 1861, just before the start of the Civil War. James, being continually harassed by the bushwhackers, joined the State Militia under General Sterling Price, and later fought with the Confederate Army under General Price.

James and Prudence had eleven children, two boys and nine girls. One son, William, died at the age of six; and a daughter, Lerann, died at an early age; Sarah married Samuel Finley, and resided during the early part of their marriage in Camden County; their latter years being spent in Lacrosse, Kansas to be near their children; Mary was married to George Meyer, living in the southern part of Morgan County until George's death; then Mary spent her latter years in Versailles; Alice was married to Charles Decker, spending the early part of her married life in Morgan County; Ida and Ben Wilson were married, and soon afterward, settled in Morgan County, permanently; Georgia met and married Edward Hibdon, and moved to Arkansas. She later married Joseph Malone, and lived the remainder of her life in Seattle, Washington; Lou was married to John Chipley, and they resided in Morgan County during their entire lifetime; Desta and Andrew Purvis were married, and moved to New Mexico. They returned, after a few years, to Morgan County, but finally settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma for permanent residency; Maggie was married to Columbus Gardner. They also moved to New Mexico, returning a number of years later to settle in the St. Joseph area; Willard was married to Bertha Colvin, whose grandparents migrated to Morgan County from Kentucky, and settled in the Barnett area. Willard and Bertha lived in the Gravois Mills area during their entire lifetime, engaging in farming and stock raising. They retired to Versailles in their later years (1943). Willard and Bertha had two sons, Russell and Orville. Russell married Vena Rickman of Crane, Missouri. They were employed in the teaching profession for several years at Gladstone, Florence, and Barnett. They left Morgan County in 1937, and spent four years at Amoret, in Bates County, where Russell served as Superintendent of Schools. In 1941, they moved to Kansas City, where Russell entered the Postal Service and remained until retiring. Russell and Vena have two daughters, Patricia and Marjorie. Patricia married Gerald Holmberg of Kansas City, and now lives in Hinsdale, Illinois; Marjorie married Edward Sullivan of Kansas City, and presently lives in Williamsville, New York. Orville married Gerald Collier, who also grew up in Morgan County. They both taught in Morgan County schools; Orville also teaching in Camden County. Orville entered the Postal Service in St. Louis, Missouri, leaving there to serve in World War II in the Patific Theater of War. Gerald remained in Versailles, teaching in the Versailles School System. Upon Orville's return in 1946, he entered the Postal Service in Kansas City, Missouri, taking early retirement in 1967. He is presently employed with Brinks, Inc. They have two sons, William J. (Jack) and Larry. Jack married Nancy Valcour of Lawrence, Kansas. They have two sons, William David, and John Gregory, and now live in Arlington, Virginia. Larry married Robyn Cox of Moberly, Missouri, and presently lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

## AUBREY J. SIMS

Aubrey J. Sims is the fourth generation of the James Sims family in Morgan County, Mo. His parents, Harvey E. and Mary Ellen (Daniels) Sims, his paternal grandparents were Charles W. and Louisa (Chaney) Sims and his great-grandparents were James and Rachel (McGarrity) Sims, who came to Morgan county in 1836 from Chester District, S.C.

James Sims Children

Aubrey J. Sims owns the land where the log house stood where he was born, located east of his present residence north of Versailles. He attended Walnut Grove and Ball schools. He served on the Versailles Special Road District Board for 20 years and served on the Glensted Telephone Company board for several years. He is a former member of the Versailles Saddle Club.

Harvey E. Sims had four children; Bessie Sims who died as an infant. Bertha R. married John W. Todd; she died on Easter Sunday, Apr. 18, 1965. Joe L. Sims married Doris Todd, he died Aug. 30, 1964. Aubrey J. Sims married Gorda Morris.

Aubrey J. Sims had two daughters, Arleen G. Sims, who married Robert E. Kidwell (now deceased) and was married to Edward Lake Sept., 1978. His other daughter, Ilene Sims, married Gerald Yarnell, and they have three children, Rita Yarnell, wife of Carl Wm. Simmons II, A. Harvey Yarnell, who is married to Kimmie Jo Drake, and Viola Ann Yarnell.

Mrs. Aubrey J. Sims was a member of the Progressive Extension Club, a 50-year member of Glensted Methodist Church, and a member of the Niangua Chapter D.A.R. Camdenton, Mo.

She is a daughter of the late J. Ed and Ida Bell (Stephens) Morris. Her maternal grandparents, Jacob and Anna E. (Kuykendall) Stephens, resided in the Harmony School district near Bethlehem Baptist Church at Florence, Mo. Her paternal grandparents, J.J. and Martha Caroline (Farr) Rutherford Morris, lived northwest of Versailles, Mo. in Bethel

Chas. W. Sims Children

School District.

The maternal grandparents of Aubrey J. Sims were Joel Daniels and his second wife, Rebecca Moore, who resided in the Walnut Grove School district. His maternal great grandparents were Thomas Moore and his second wife, Sarah Doran, married Aug. 4, 1824 in Hampshire County, Virginia, came to Morgan County and resided in the area of Oak Grove Baptist Church southeast of Versailles, Mo. His great-great grandparents were Alexander and Sarah (Reed) Doran.

## CHAS. J. "BUD" SIMS

Chas. J. Sims, son of Chas. W. Sims, was born in Morgan County November 13, 1862. He was married to Levina Jones of the Hopewell vicinity February 13, 1884 and established their home on a farm several miles Northwest of Versailles. To this union, ten children were born (four of whom died in infancy). The remaining were:

Loula — born October 5, 1885 married Forest Moore September 7, 1904. They had four children — Reed, Ina, Murray, and Hazel. Reed lived his entire life in or near Versailles.

Jesse — born July 30, 1889, married Emma Thompson Feb. 12, 1912. They had two daughters — Louise and Melva.

Charles L. — born Dec. 9, 1891, married Opal Brown Dec. 16, 1914. To this union were born three children — Gladys, Lucille, and Allen.

Frank — born Nov. 25, 1893, married Ivory Hustler Sept. 22, 1915. Two children were born to this union — Velma and Kenneth. Frank, also, had another child, James Dale, by a second wife.

Emmett — born Nov. 3, 1897, married Ethel Hamlin Aug. 6, 1919. They had two children — Ray and Mildred. Ray is a nationally known auctioneer and lives South of Kansas City in the Raymore area.

Finis — born May 16, 1907 is married and lives near Windsor. He has no children.

C.J. "Bud" Sims and Levina Sims

Chas. J. (better known as "Bud") Sims was a farmer and stockman his entire lifetime. The family lived in the Versailles vicinity until 1910 when they moved to the Windsor area; where they made their home until 1929 when he and his wife moved back to the Versailles area. The children, all married, remained in the Windsor area.

As a youth working with livestock on his fathers farm, "Bud" displayed exceptional ability as a judge and handler of livestock. This skill served him, and the community in which he lived, well throughout his life. He bought and fattened

great numbers of cattle and hogs during his life-time. There were few farm scales on which to weigh the stock; so weights were estimated. "Bud" was recognized over quite an area as an excellent judge of weight of livestock and as an honest buyer. Many times, throughout his adult life, he was called upon to "weigh" cattle or hogs for other buyers and sellers, his judgement being readily accepted by both parties.

Levina Sims died soon after moving back to Morgan Co. in 1929. C.J. "Bud" Sims died Nov. 17, 1948. He and his wife and the four children who died in infancy are buried in Freedom Cemetery North of Versailles. *By Lee T. Sims*

## CHARLES WOODS SIMS

Charles W., third son, and seventh child of James and Rachel Sims, was born in Cooper County Missouri, August 6, 1831. In 1836, his parents moved to the Homestead four miles north of Versailles. He married Louisa Ann Chaney September 29, 1853 and established their home on a farm seven miles north of Versailles. He was a farmer and stockman. He, also, bought and fattened many head of cattle and hogs. Mr. Sims was known over a large area as a good buyer. He and his wife had ten children. They were:

Charley Sims and wife Louisa

Missouri Ann, who lived only a short while.

James Henry, born 2-10-1856 Died 4-22-1873 a victim of cholera.

Mary Jane, born 10-1-1858 Died 4-19-1947, Married John Will Jones.

Charles J. (Bud), Born 11-13-1862, Died 11-17-1948 Married Lavinia Jones.

Harvey E., Born 2-13-1865 Died 10-15-1940, Married Ellen Daniels.

Elbert, Born 1-12-1868 Died 2-1-1938, Married Cora Smith.

Thomas J., Born 10-28-1870, Died 5-12-1947, Married Jessie Clifton.

Della, Born 6-24-1873, Died 8-14-1898, Married Clarence Ford.

Lucy, Born 12-31-1875, Died 5-15-1928, Married Geo. H. Carpenter.

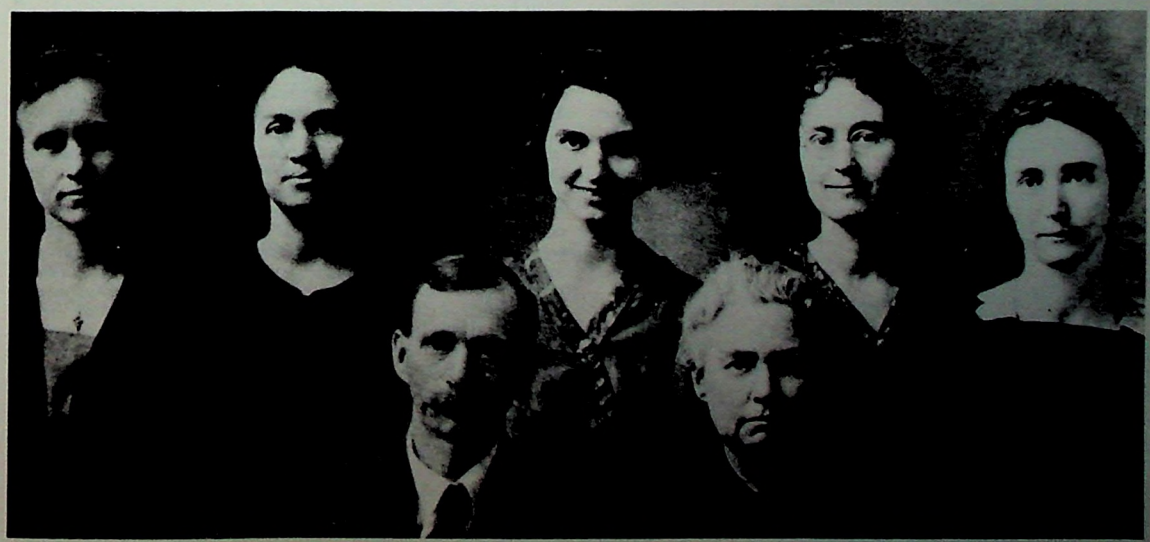
Lizzie, Born 6-10-1878, Died 12-14-1954, Married Arthur Cooper.

Charles W. Sims died March 15, 1906 and his wife, Louisa, died March, 21, 1912. They, and all their children are buried in Freedom Cemetery. The descendents of Charles W. Sims have been engaged in varied professions, but a number of the grandchildren and great grandchildren have been, and some are now, working in the field of Education. The following is a list: Loula Sims Moore, Katie Sims Hawks, Cora Dell Sims Daniels, Fannie Sims Draffen, Irene Sims Van Dyke, Elizaberh Sims Harlan, Lee T. Sims, Charles F. Carpenter, Katie Mae Carpenter Hilderbrand, Louisa Cooper Page, Estella Cooper Moon, Pauline Cooper Stahl, Virginia Harlan Hess, Ruth Harlan Lamb, Anita Jean Moon Mehl, Ilene Sims Yarnell, Arlene Sims Lake, Darlene Sims Churchman, Rosalea Sims Johnson.

## ELBERT SIMS

The Sims family was one of the first to settle in Morgan County, Mo.

Charles W. Sims and wife Louisa Ann (Chaney) Sims, settled north of Glensted. His parents were: James and Rachel McGarity Sims. Louisa Ann Sims parents were: Henry and Lucinda Allison Chaney.



*Seated:* Elbert Sims and wife Cora (Smith) Sims; *Back row, l to r:* Kate Hawks, Cora Dell Daniels, Irene VanDyke, Fannie Draffen and Emma Fowler - daughters.

Elbert Sims, (son of Charles W. Sims and wife) was born Jan. 12, 1868 near Glensted, where he spent most of his life as a farmer and stockman, till his death Feb. 1, 1938. He married Cora Smith, Aug. 12, 1891. She was born Nov. 29, 1871 and died Oct. 27, 1959. To this union was born, five daughters: Emma, Katie, Dell, Fannie and Irene. Emma, was born Nov. 8, 1893, married Charlie Fowler Jan. 7, 1912. He was a farmer and stockman, till his death Oct. 18, 1958; their four boys, Elbert, Athel, Joe and Earl. Elbert is a farmer, also works at the whole sale house in Versailles. Athel is a motor mechanic. Joe, inspector for General Motors in Atlanta, Georgia. Earl, died in infancy. Katie, born Aug. 10, 1895, married Syd Hawks on Mar. 23, 1918. They lived on a farm till they moved to Kansas City, where he worked for a meat market. He died in 1932. They had four children: Raymond, a car salesman in Kansas City. Mary Lee, a secretary in Oregon. Sue a housewife and beautician, in Oregon. Cora Louise died in infancy. Dell, was born Jan. 4, 1896. She married Charles Daniels, May 2, 1920. He was a farmer and stockman till his death June 1974. They had four children: H.M., an electrician who died June 19, 1953, Grayden, a carpenter. Chester, rural route 3, mail carrier. Delretta, housewife, died Jan. 31, 1977. Fannie, born Sept. 15, 1898, married Charles Draffen May 25, 1924. He was a farmer and carpenter, and lived his entire life on the same farm. He died May 22, 1977. They had one son, Charles Franklin, who is a farmer and carpenter. Irene, born Oct. 5, 1903, married Frank Van Dyke Mar. 24, 1924. He run a truck line for several years, but now farms and raises stock. They had five children. Frances, in real estate business; Elbert, electrician; Leroy, a music entertainer; Elmer, a doctor; and Elinor a music teacher. *Compiled by Cora Dell Daniels, Fannie Draffen, and Emma Fowler.*

## JAMES SIMS

James Sims was born August 14, 1790 in South Carolina. His father, Edward Sims, was one of four brothers who came to this Country from England prior to the Revolutionary War. One of the brothers soon moved North to New York, one was killed by Indians, and Edward with the other brother remained in South Carolina. James was a soldier in the War of 1812 and fought under General Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sims

In 1817, James Sims married Rachel McGarity, also of South Carolina. Her father, William McGarity, fought in the Revolutionary War. James and Rachel moved to Franklin County Tennessee, where they resided until 1820 when the family moved to Cooper County Missouri several miles North of Tipton and made their home there until 1836. On April 19, 1836 James Sims entered 360 acres of land from the Government four miles North of Versailles where he resided until his death.

In October 1836 he began the erection of a four room log house, which still stands at this writing (1978). The log raising was completed on Friday before the 1836 Presidential Election. This house and some of the acreage has remained under the ownership of James Sims descendents continuously to the present. The current owners are Mr. and Mrs. Lee T. Sims.

James Sims was a farmer and stockman. He was also an excellent woodworker. Much of the furniture for the home was hand made by him, some of which is still in use and highly prized by the owners.

James and Rachel Sims were the parents of nine children, namely:

William — born 6-2-1818 in Tennessee, died 3-1-1905 married Elizabeth Estes

Malinda — born 10-19-1819 in Tennessee, died 1-23-1845 married Constantine Estes

John — born 7-1-1822 in Cooper Co Mo., died 12-29-1905 First wife — Elizabeth Long, Second wife — Agnes Kelsay, Third wife — Sally Ann French, Fourth wife — a Mrs. Marriott

Matilda — born 8-27-1824 in Cooper Co. Mo., died 7-16-1916 First husband — Wm. S. Ball, Second husband — Rev. Jehu Robinson

Mary Jane — born 6-1-1829 in Cooper Co. Mo., died 12-23-1863 First husband — George Pickens, Second husband — Calvin Huff

Charles W. born 8-6-1831 in Cooper Co. Mo. died 3-15-1906 wife — Louisa Chaney

Jaley — born 10-19-1834 in Cooper Co. Mo. died 3-6-1887 husband — John S. Ball

Elizabeth — born 12-1-1836 in Morgan Co. Mo. died 9-27-1867 husband — John W. Muir

James E. — born 2-28-1839 in Morgan Co. died 7-18-1919 First wife — Ann E. Williams, Second wife — Nan Smiley

James Sims died August 6, 1860 and Rachel (his wife) died May 23, 1862. Both were buried in Freedom Cemetery North of Versailles as were eight of their children. Malinda died in 1845, before Freedom Cemetery was established.

All the children of James and Rachel Sims married and lived nearly their entire lives in the vicinity of Versailles.

## JAMES EDWARD SIMS

James Edward Sims (Uncle Ed) was born Feb. 28, 1839, the 12th child of James and Rachael McGarity Sims. He was born on the old Sims homestead, northeast of Versailles. He attended Bethel School where he was very active in sports, particularly wrestling.

A story is told of a severe accident when Ed, aged 9, fell on the ice with an open pocket knife in his hand. The knife penetrated his jaw and tongue severing an artery. While a neighbor went for the doctor Ed used thumb pressure to stop the flow, alternating thumbs. After several hours of traveling through drifted snow the doctor arrived. Without anesthetic the doctor tied the artery and sewed the wound. The women of the house fled to a distant room to avoid hearing the cries of pain. For weeks Edward's hands had to be bound so he wouldn't scratch the wound as it was healing. At night someone had to sit with him to prevent his head from rubbing against the pillows.

Ed was converted at age 13, uniting with Freedom Church. He was very active in that church for much of his life. He had a good voice and loved to sing, often singing solos at meeting.

He married Ann Williams, daughter of J.B. and Elizabeth Madole Williams on June 23, 1861.

Ed and Ann had a problem when the Civil War erupted. Ann's family, the Williams' were Confederate sympathizers

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Sims

(in fact Ann has two brothers buried at Vicksburg) and Ed was in the Union Militia.

Because there was such a criminal element in Morgan County at this time, Ann's father decided to move the entire family to Nebraska Territory. Ed and Ann decided to go with them. They made the trip in the dead of winter 1865. Before leaving they converted everything to cash and Ann sewed the money in the band of her petticoat. It took 6 weeks to make the journey. En route they encountered wild beasts, rough roads, swollen streams and bands of Indians. Every family tried to get settled in time to put in a spring crop. Some entered land and built houses. Others bought out homesteaders. The rich virgin soil produced bountiful crops, but the following winter was a nightmare to these Missourian and former Kentuckians. After another bumper crop was gathered, the group members sold their holdings at great sacrifice and returned to Missouri. Edward and Ann settled North of Versailles near Freedom Church.

Soon after returning Ed began to speak in public and preach. He was licensed to preach by Freedom Church in 1864. For years he preached in many parts of Morgan County. He was instrumental in organizing many Baptist Churches, including the First Baptist Church of Versailles.

Six children were born in this home. One infant died early. The other five were Dora, Clarence, James E. Jr. J. Ben and Grace.

Dora married John Steele who owned a funeral home in Webb City for many years. Five of their nine children grew to adulthood, Alma, who married Ray Cable; Annette who married George Catts; Lillian who married a Mr. Munson; Grace who married Guy Woodward and Elizabeth who married Alfred Smith.

Clarence married Lou Lemon. Their four children are Russell, Mae Byron and Dan Ed. For several years Clarence taught school. Later he took his family to New Mexico to homestead. Later they returned to Sedalia, Missouri.

Jim Sims married Jennie Jones, their three children are Virgil, Lawrence and Elsie. They homesteaded in Oklahoma. In later years they moved to California.

J. Ben Sims married Laura Jones, sister to the wife of Jim Sims. Ben became a minister and pastored churches in Missouri and other midwestern states. Their children are Pauline and Dargan.

Grace married Isaac Daniels and they lived at Marvin for many years. Their children are Anna, Earl, Maud and Joe. Son Joe and other family members are the only descendents of Ed and Ann still living in Morgan County. *Pauline Sims*

## THOMAS J. SIMS

Thomas J., youngest son of Charles and Louisa Sims, was born October 28, 1870 in Morgan County Mo. and spent his entire life there except for about one year he and a cousin, Ben Sims, worked in Colorado and California. He married Jessie L. Clifton January 26, 1896 and began farming on a farm adjoining the James Sims homestead and resided in the area the remainder of his life. His major farm operations were grain farming, buying and selling mules from about 1912 until after World War I (having thirty to forty five head on hand all the time), and raising purebred Polled Hereford cattle.

T.J. Sims Family
*1st row:* T.J. Sims, Gilbert, Jessie. *2nd row:* Lee, Elizabeth, Monte.

Tom and Jessie were the parents of six children; Monte, born Nov. 20, 1896, Verner born October 22, 1898 and died September 15, 1905 of blood poison, Elizabeth born September 5, 1901, Lee born July 17, 1903, Margaret born September 2, 1905 died January 20, 1906, Gilbert born July 31, 1911.

Monte married Lillie Campbell of the Hopewell vicinity April 20, 1920. He was a farmer and stockman his entire married life. He moved to Iowa in 1931 and resided there until his death May 9, 1967. Monte and Lillie had three children — Clifford, Darlene Sims Churchman, and Rosalea Sims Johnson. All the children reside in Iowa.

Elizabeth taught rural schools in Morgan County from 1919 until 1927. She married Wayne Harlan of near Salisbury, Mo. May 5, 1927 and have resided since in the Kansas City, Mo. area. They have three children: Virginia Harlan Hess of Windsor, Mo., Ruth Harlan Lamb of Independence, Mo., and William Harlan of Phoenix, Arizona.

Lee married Elsie Stockton July 25, 1926. They have no children. He has served in the field of Education over forty years as teacher, coach, principal, Superintendent, County Superintendent, board member, and counselor — all but one year was in Morgan County. He received a B.S. Degree in Education from New Mexico State College of Silver City (now New Mexico Western University) and Masters Degree in Education from Central Missouri State College (now Central Missouri State University) of Warrensburg, Mo.

Gilbert married Zelma Marie Woolery August 20, 1933. They had one child Sharon Marie. She married Larry Leroy Henderson. They adopted twin boys, Christopher Gilbert and Michael Joseph, September 23, 1959. Gilbert was boilermaker foreman at Shippers Tank Car Shops of North Kansas City, Mo. from 1939-1955 except 1943-1947 when he served in World War II in the European Theater as Technical Sgt. III 763 Railway Shops Bn. Gilbert died at work August 5, 1955. He is buried in Freedom Cemetery North of Versailles.

## WILLIAM SIMS

William Sims, oldest child of James and Rachel McGarity Sims, was born in Franklin Co., Tennessee June 2, 1818.

William and Elizabeth Caperton (Estes) Sims

His family moved to Cooper Co., Missouri when little William was 2 years of age, and he rode in front of his mother on a horse, as Rachel could not ride in the bumpy home made wagons pulled by stubborn oxen, because of motion sickness.

William and Elizabeth Sims, eleven children

Her long red curls hung below her bonnet, and little William wore long dresses and a bonnet to shield him from the sun.

The family moved to Morgan County in 1836 and settled on 360 acres 4 miles north of Versailles.

On March 18, 1841, William Sims married Elizabeth Caperton Estes, his only sweetheart, and they lived on their farm of 320 acres in Mill Creek Township. He later bought his father's homestead and here raised his large family, some grandchildren, any homeless kinfolks of the Sims and Estes families, and as the children married, some lived at home until they established homes.

Mrs. Sally Estes Hawks, a widowed sister of Mrs. Sims, lived in the home with her son, Berry, who later became the father of Cora Hawks. Clarence Ford was raised in the home.

The Sims Children:

Nancy Caperton, married James Rutherford in 1861, left a widow in 1863 and with her two little girls lived in the Sims home until she married John Muir, but the two daughters spent most of their girlhood in the home. She was the grandmother of Royce Moser and Neva Moser Barber.

John Estes — grandfather of Warren Cooper.

Martha, James McGarity, Malinda, Samira, Rachel, Fanny, William, Susan — mother of the late D.O. Young, Thomas, Still born baby.

This large family never sat down to a meal with less than 26 at the tables. Visitors or kinfolks often swelled the number to 35 or 40.

98% of the food was raised on the farm. Wild game was in abundance, honey and molasses took care of most of the sweetening needs, plenty of milk meant lots of butter and cheese, cattle, sheep and hogs were butchered as needed, and venison was plentiful. Wheat and corn was taken once a week to the Grist Mill at Gravois. Geese were raised for feathers and eating and chickens supplied eggs.

The first sewing machine and first organ in the neighborhood were at the Sims home, and Sue took music lessons and played hymms each night, when the family gathered for Bible Devotions.

William Sims was the first person baptized into Freedom Church and was a Deacon there over 50 years. Mrs. Sims had joined by letter, when Church was organized. It took 3 wagons to haul this large family to church or to town and all had to attend the church services once monthly unless sick in bed.

This large family was organized — some cooked, several helped with the poultry, gardens and house work. Some churned and made cheese, others washed and ironed. Others used cards, looms and spinning wheels to take care of the wool taken from the backs of the sheep and spun and wove it into cloth. They dyed the cloth, using walnut hulls, sumac leaves, poke berry juice and indigo, but bought salt petre, anoline and Copperas, so as to obtain different colors.

Materials for summer clothing, trimmings, underwear, shoes, boots, caps and hats were bought at Peoples' Store in Versailles.

Sewing was a daily task, as all the clothing for the entire family was home made and making quilts and bedding were also daily tasks.

Elizabeth Sims died September 29, 1900, and William Sims died March 1, 1905. *Betty Jane Moser LaRue*

## CARL WILLIAM SIMMONS, II

Carl William Simmons, II, and his wife Rita Yarnell Simmons, reside at Holt Summit, Mo. in Calloway County. Both work at Daniel Construction Co. at Fulton and spend weekends at their rural Barnett, Mo. cottage on the Lake of the Ozarks.

Carl, was born in Kansas City, Mo., attended private kindergarten in Versailles. He is a graduate of Eldon, Mo. High School and was employed by the Missouri State Highway Dept. for eleven years. His parents, Carl William and Ida Mae Aubele Simmons operated Ready-Gas on North Fisher St. in Versailles in 1954, now live in Eldon.

His paternal grandparents are Ely and Delpha Robertson Simmons, buried in Dooley Cemetery, Miller County, Mo. and maternal grandparents are John B. and Hattie M. Bab Aubele, who resided in Chicago and Kansas City.

Rita Simmons is a graduate of Versailles High School, received a Certificate of Accomplishment from Penn. State University and is attending night classes at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. She is a life member of the Missouri State Historical Society in Columbia and a member of the Morgan County Historical Society, the Niangua Chapter D.A.R. Camdenton, Mo. and Kansas City Branch of Needlework Guild of America. *Ilene Yarnell*

## ISAAC SLOCUM

The Isaac Slocum family arrived in Morgan County sometime early in the 1860's. This family consisted of Isaac and his wife, Ann Margaret Pepper Slocum, both born in West Virginia, and numerous children. Several other children were born to them after their arrival. The Slocum's hailed from Hampshire County, West Virginia, then a part of the State of Virginia.

The eldest son was John Robert Slocum, born March 13, 1837. He served as a Union soldier in the Civil War; at one point he displayed conspicuous bravery by picking up a flag

dropped by a fellow soldier shot down. John married Mary Lynch (daughter of Hugh Lynch, of Ireland). John died in Versailles on April 7, 1911 at the age of 75. He was a wagonmaker by trade, and served Morgan County as a Justice of the Peace.

Isaac's eldest daughter Mary C. Slocum married Volney Johnson in Morgan County in 1863, with one son produced, Edward. She later married Napoleon Bonaparte Curry in the late 1860's. They moved to Eldon, Missouri, and had three children, Robert, Isaac Oliver and Charles. Isaac Oliver's daughter, Mamie, resides today in Santa Ana, California. Mary died in 1912 of the complications of diabetes.

Another son, C. James Slocum ("Jim"), married Susan J. Berkstresser in 1878. He traveled with the railroad as a fireman, lived in various areas of Missouri.

Another son, Alexander Monroe Slocum, was born in West Virginia 1861. He first married Mattie E. Moore in 1882; they had two children. She died of tuberculosis in 1887, in Tipton, Missouri and was buried in the Lutman Cemetery. Alexander's second wife was Eva Thomas, of Kentucky. They were married 1891 in Harrisonville, Missouri and had three children. Their son Clyde resides today in Ventura, California. Alexander died of gangrene, as the result of a railroad accident, near Vassar, Kansas in 1909.

In all, Isaac and Ann had fifteen children. In addition to the four above, offspring included: Sarah A., born 1840, married to James L. Goodwin; Benjamin F., born 1842; Debora A., born 1845, married to Franklin Cousins; Lucy, born 1849; Jennie, born 1855, married to Marsh Harvey; Martha, born 1858; Charles, born 1860; Ulysses G., born 1866; three children unknown. *By Kimberlee S. Perkins*

## JOHN P. SMALL

John P. Small served in the Union Army during the Civil War in which he was a member of the signal corps and a bugler.

John P. Small Family
*Back:* Jane Charlotte, Stewart, John, Allen, Mary Elizabeth; *Front:* John P., Margaret and William.

He had the honor of having President Abraham Lincoln review his company and shook hands with the president. In the back of a Testament he carried was inscribed, "If I should fall on the battlefield or die in a hospital, inform J.P. Small, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa." A Masonic emblem was on the page. John was born May 17, 1836.

John P. Small married Margaret R. Stewart July 31, 1866, probably returning to Pennsylvania to marry Margaret, who was born May 10, 1845 of Scotch-Irish parents.

They lived on a farm three miles south of Stover in the Pleasant Union community. Their names were on the list of charter members of the church there. Many of Margaret's family had died in the great Johnstown flood.

The children of John P. and Margaret were Stewart Adam, Nov. 6, 1867; Mary Elizabeth, Nov. 1, 1869; Jane Charlotte, Oct. 12, 1871; Allen Judson, Dec. 9, 1873; Cornelius Hayes, Mar. 2, 1876; John Milton, July 3, 1879; William Edward, June 30, 1883. Hayes died at age 3 years from diptheria.

Stewart settled in Tacoma, Wash. when young. Jane, John and Allen took teachers' examinations and attended the Male and Female Institute at Versailles, Mo. They taught in Morgan County for several years.

Mary Elizabeth married Grant Parker and had a daughter, Cleo. They lived in Missouri all their lives. John, Jane, Will and Allen followed their brother west. John settled in Milton, Ore. with his wife, Nellie Ziegel, and his young family: Warren, 1902; Cecil, Apr. 3, 1905 and Lillian, Nov. 28, 1910.

Jane married Howard Evans about 1898. Their children: Nina, 1900 and Lowell, 1904. William married Pearl Moyes, had one daughter, Margaret, 1904.

Allen had left his love, Cora Mae Rapp, born Sept. 16, 1885, in Missouri. He returned to Missouri and married Cora Mae Jan. 18, 1903. They had three children: Herschel, Oct. 24, 1903, Naomi, July 26, 1907 and Cleola, Apr. 24, 1910.

Allen and Cora sold their farm and moved to Stover. He carried the mail in the Stover area, using horses on the bad roads, for 27 years, until his death on May 16, 1938. Herschel died May 8, 1954. He had married Alva Welpman June 28, 1925. They had two sons, Stanley Neil, Sept. 4, 1932 and Philip Stewart, Jan. 26, 1938, who are the only ones to carry on the family name.

Stanley married Barbara Burgess and has two sons, Gregory and Christopher Allen. Philip married Karen Elledge and their children are Susan Kay, Stewart and Timothy John.

Naomi married Jewell Stevinson Sept. 30, 1933. Their children, Jay Allen, born Dec. 1, 1939, and Judith Zoe, July 12, 1941. Jay died Apr. 21, 1978 from a heart attack. He had married Mailyn Freund Jan. 24, 1970. Their daughters: Janet, Debbie, Salley and Jamie. Judith married Donald Hillman June 10, 1972. Their children: Cara Leslie and Stephanie Jill.

Cleola married Ralph Wiest July 31, 1928. Their children: Charmaine, Dec. 20, 1929, and John Elias, Dec. 18, 1933. Charmaine married Charles Rich and their children are John Charles, Mark and David. John married Earlene Spry July 16, 1963.

The family of John and Margaret Small have traveled across the United States but most of them still call Missouri and Morgan County their home. *Naomi Small Stevinson*

## SAMUEL SMILEY

*1st. row:* Samuel Smiley, Sallie, Hugh and Nannie (Hughes) Smiley; *2nd. row:* Bessie, Emma, Robert, Bert, Nellie.

Samuel Smiley was born April 15, 1843, son of Hugh E. and (unknown) Smiley. On Dec. 26, 1869 he married Nannie E.

Hughes, daughter of Robert and Melissa Anthony Hughes, by the Rev. James E. Sims, in Morgan County.

They lived on a farm seven miles northwest of Versailles near No. 3 School, where their children attended school.

They were the parents of ten children: Bessie (born Jan. 13, 1871), Mattie, (born May 17, 1873 — died May 14, 1874), John L. (born Aug. 18, 1875 — died Oct. 8, 1955), Robert, (born Oct. 29, 1877 — died Jan. 8, 1924), Bert O. (born Mar. 4, 1881), Nellie Jane, (born May 23, 1883 — died Sept. 26, 1967), Emma M. (born Oct. 16, 1885 — died June 2, 1971), Hugh W. (born Nov. 16, 1887 — died May 8, 1963) and Sallie G. (born Sept. 3, 1892).

Samuel Smiley died Aug. 5, 1897 as the result of injuries when he was accidently thrown from a horse. Nannie continued to live on the farm a number of years, later moving to Stover, Mo.

On June 12, 1907 she married Rev. James E. Sims.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stover. She died Jan. 14, 1928.

Samuel and Nannie E. Hughes Smiley are both buried at Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

## JOSEPH SMITH

Joseph Smith, age 39, his wife, Elizabeth Jacobs Smith and their 2-year-old daughter, Nancy, moved to Morgan County in the fall of 1830. They had sold their farm a few miles southwest of what is now Boonville, Mo. in August of that year. Joseph had settled on this piece of land in 1824 after moving from North Carolina.

By the year 1847, the family had grown to a total of seven children; Nancy, 18, Joseph M. 17, Tobitha 16, Washington 10, William W. 9, Harriet 6, and James 3. The family lived on a farm just south of Florence, Mo.

Some time prior to January 2, 1848, Elizabeth Jacobs Smith passed away and Joseph married Elizabeth Craige in the County of Morgan on that day in January.

By 1856, five children were born to the second marriage; Zackary, Louisa, Jacob, McD, and Susan.

Elizabeth Craige Smith passed away March 21, 1857 and is buried in the cemetery at Florence, Mo. — Union Cemetery, north of the Union Church.

On August 10, 1863, William W. Smith enrolled at Warsaw, Mo. as a private in Co. E. 7th Reg. Mo. State Militia Vol. Cav. and was honorably discharged, July 11, 1865.

On the day of May 4, 1864, William W. Smith married Missouri Ann Mitchell of Pettis County.

This marriage was blessed with nine children, none of whom stayed in the area; William A., Malinda Elton (Harry W.), Tobitha Ann Morton (Samuel I.), Mary M. Barrett (? Barrett), Joseph M., Missouri A. Manley (Benjamin F.), Jacob M. (Mabel F. Bradley), Mayme L. Stark (John C.), Elizabeth Ann Self (Joseph).

The writer, Kenneth C. Smith, 35 Harbord Drive, Bloomington, Illinois, 61701, is the son of Jacob M. Smith and Mabel F. Bradley. *Kenneth Smith*

## WILLIAM A. SMITH

William Alexander Smith, a resident of Morgan County for nearly 70 years, was born in Morgan County, Nov. 2, 1884. He died at age 78 November 24, 1962. William's parents were James and Emma (Braden) Smith.

As a young man William moved to Johnson County where he married Sarah Jane Smith on October 11, 1911. Sarah Jane died at age 56, June 17, 1950. A son, Hilton Velman Smith and a daughter, Lily Lorrene (deceased age 11 months) were born at Chilhowee, Missouri. William and Sara Jane moved back to Morgan County (Versailles) in 1916 and there Winnie Leola, Elmer Odell, Helen Elva, Dencil Harlan and Ernestine Jewell were born.

William worked for and retired from the Rock Island Railroad at Versailles.

William A. and Sarah Jane Smith

Hilton (deceased at age 55, Oct. 1, 1969 from a heart attack) married Dorothy Baker of Versailles. They had one daughter, Patricia Ann. This marriage was dissolved and Hilton married Dorothy Russell of Jefferson City. To this union was born James, Linda and Gary. Mrs. Dorothy Smith now resides in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Ernestine, Dencil, Helen, Elmer, Winnie and Hilton Smith

Winnie married Henry Rodick of Kansas City, Missouri. To this union was born a daughter, Nancy, and a son, Richard. Winnie and Henry now reside in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Elmer died in July, 1943 at age 23 while fighting overseas for his country in the Marine Corps. He was not married.

Helen (deceased at age 55 on June 14, 1977 from cancer) married Pete Sumner. To this union was born Bobby, Donald (Butch) and Wayne and Barbara Sue. In later years Helen was married to Wray Colvin and Leonard Weicken.

Dencil married Lillian (Stevenson) Patterson and adopted Lillian's son, William, from her former marriage. Dencil and Lillian now reside in Kansas City and William with his wife, Wilma, and four children reside there also.

Ernestine (deceased at age 47 August 17, 1977 from cancer) moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1958. She worked for The Higbee Co. and was assistant manager of the Interior Decorating Dept. at the time of her death. She was not married.

William married Mrs. Catherine Deppeler on June 6, 1951. She now resides in Stover, Missouri. At William's death in

1962 he left 5 children, 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. *Mrs. Henry Rodick*

## CHARLES (CHARLEY) H. SMOYER

Charles H. Smoyer, known to his family and friends as Charley, was born in Versailles Mo. June 12, 1895, the son of Charles Smoyer, Sr., who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1858, and Anna Imhoff Smoyer, born at Tipton, Mo. in 1867. He had three brothers and six sisters.

Charles Smoyer

His brother, George, married Farra Williams and had two sons and four daughters. His sister, Kate, married Albert Hendrickson and they had one son, Albert. His sister, Juanita, married Joe Smedley and they had one daughter. His sister, Julia, married Arthur Bennington and they had two children, Violet Ruth and George A. His brother, Weber, married Beulah Frisbie and they had four sons and two daughters. His sister, Lula, married Arch S. Davis and had one daughter. His sister, Oma, married J. Briggs Rice and had a son and a daughter. His brother, Judson, married Pearl Koester, and they had three sons and one daughter. Six of the Smoyer children were born in Versalles. Three of them, Charles, Weber and Kate lived their entire lives in Versailles.

Charley was an enterprising boy. He started selling at the age of seven, delivering milk, blackberries and garden produce by dog cart. He also helped his father at the blacksmith shop. Later he worked at the brick plant in Versailles, the ice house and finally with C.H. Mason in the grocery business until World War I, when he went into military service.

Charles served two years in the 310th Engineer Corps and was dicharged as a corporal. Upon returning home he purchased the grocery business of C.H. Mason and, with Frank Stockton as a partner, operated it until 1921 when he joined the H.D. Lee Company of Kansas City.

He was a charter member of Morgan County Post 104 of the American Legion and the Kiwanis Club. He was a Mason, Knights Templar and a Shriner by the time he had reached twenty-six years of age. He was an active lifelong member of the Methodist Church and active in the Boy Scouts of America. In 1942 he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given in adult Scout work.

In 1920 Charles, A.J. Petty and Dr. J.L. McKee, a Presbyterian minister, started a boys camp southeast of Versailles that later became YMCA Camp Gravois, which is still active in 1978.

On Feb. 1, 1923 he married Velma Irwin of Eldon, Mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Irwin. To this union two daughters were born, Charlotte and Dolores. Charlotte first married Richard Fenimore and they had one daughter, Tana. She later married Harold N. Myklebust of Missoula, Mont. They now live at Washington, D.C. Dolores married Charles W. Campbell of Eldon. They have one son, Charles, Jr. and a daughter, Coleen, and live in Sioux City, Ia.

Mrs. Charles Smoyer and daughters, Charlotte and Dolores, belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1961 Charles Smoyer retired as a salesman. He continued a hobby of woodworking at his home for 13 years until his death in 1974. He lived his entire, happy life in Versailles. *By Charlotte Smoyer Myklebust*

## SAMUEL SMILEY

Samuel Smiley (born April 15, 1843 — died Aug. 5, 1897) lived near Versailles. Sallie Smiley Long and Tampie Smiley Lutman were his sisters. He married Nannie Elizabeth Hughes (born April 2, 1853 — died Jan. 14, 1928) daughter of Robert Hughes of Versailles. They lived near Smiley school. Among her brothers were Willie (Doc) Hughes, Tom Hughes and Lee Hughes. Among her sisters were Mattie Todd, Jane Packs, Nettie Kanenbly, and Till Morris.

*L to r:* Hugh Smiley Jr., Louella Byler, Blanche Smiley, Milfred Smiley, Hugh Smiley and Lorene Housworth.

Children of Samuel and Nannie: John Smiley (wed Cecil Burns, children were Dorothy S., Bert Smiley, Bessie Smiley, who wed Orva Sanford, Emma Smiley, who wed John Wahlers and Nellie Smiley, who wed George W. Berkstresser) Children of Nellie and George Berkstresser: Lois Russell, Dwight B., Rhea, wed Ray Goetze, Hal B., wed Daisy Compton, George W., Jr. wed Dorothy Howser, Leo, Maudie, wed Oliver Sousley, Gregory wed Yvonne Taylor.

Robert Smiley, a dentist; Hugh William Smiley (born Nov. 16, 1887 — died May 8, 1963) who married Blanche Effie Wahlers April 15, 1913. She was born Feb. 6, 1891 — died Mar. 1, 1966. They were farmers living west of Versailles.

Children of Hugh and Blanche were: Lorena (born May 28, 1915) wed to Ernest Elmer Housworth (born Dec. 6, 1913).

*L to r:* Thomas Housworth, Anna Housworth, Chancy Housworth, Nealie Daulton, Bonnie Daulton, Ernest Housworth, Beulah Morris and Glenn Housworth.

Their children, Carolyn Joyce, (born Nov. 8, 1937) married to William Robert Silvey (born Mar. 18, 1937) whose children are Joyce Gayle (b. Apr. 4, 1958) and Jeffrey (b. Feb. 25, 1963). Loren Ray Housworth (b. Sept. 9, 1940) wed to Betty Jane Apsher (b. Feb. 18, 1944) Their children: Kamala Rae (b. Dec. 31, 1967), Byron Wade, (b. Sept. 18, 1972) and Stacy Sanoma, (b. July 30, 1975).

Louella Martha Smiley (b. May 17, 1918) wed Joe Dillard Byler (b. July 11, 1914) on June 16, 1940. Their children: Joella Effe (b. Oct. 21, 1942) wed Alvin Apsher (b. Sept. 26, 1939). Their children are Bethany Deanne (b. Mar. 31, 1963, Tammy Jo (b. Feb. 28, 1965), and Ladonna Jane (b. Nov. 13, 1970).

Jesse D. (b. Aug. 14, 1944, wed Sandy Autry (b. June 29, 1946). Their son, Matthew Joel, (b. Aug. 16, 1977).

Samuel Hugh Byler (b. Jan. 19, 1951) wed Joyce Cooper (b. Jan. 17, 1951) Milfred Samuel Smiley (b. Jan. 16, 1920) wed Dorothy Byler (b. Mar. 9, 1936). Their child, Robert Wayne, (b. Nov. 4, 1955).

Hugh William, Jr. (b. June 17, 1928) wed Marie Hilderbrand (b. Sept. 24, 1932), live on old Smiley farm west of Versailles. Their son, Fredrich Joseph, was born Jan. 29, 1979.

Sallie Smiley (b. Sept. 3, 1892) wed Jake Morris (b. May 27, 1892). Their daughter is Mildred Morris (b. April 12, 1914) married Ralph Day, now deceased. *Mrs. E. Housworth*

## JOHN SNELLING

Due to the Lake of the Ozarks consuming the farm land in the Osage River bottoms in Camden County, the John Snelling family became Morgan County transplants. This event occurred in the midst of the Depression of the 30's.

John Hugh Snelling, son of Charles B. and Henrietta White Snelling, was born in Camden County. His grandparents had migrated from Tennessee.

On March 25, 1923, he was married to Edna Bea Mansfield, daughter of George and Alice Ahart Mansfield. George Mansfield had come from England as a young man, and after a short sojourn in New York City, made his home in Camden County, Missouri. Edna Bea had a very early contact with Morgan County when her father made a trip to Versailles and brought home her first pair of hardsoled shoes, which are still in her possession.

For awhile, there was a boom building period near the Lake, and John, whose farm had been covered with water, worked as a carpenter and rocklayer. As the Depression worsened and jobs were unavailable, the family moved to a farm in Morgan County east of Versailles owned by William Crutchfield in April 1936. In that area their four children were reared and attended Morgan County schools.

The eldest, Wilma, taught at the rural Minnow Branch School in Morgan County and one year at Prairie Valley, before her marriage to Dr. Milton E. Taylor in 1952. She and Dr. Taylor lived in Versailles from 1953-1955 while he practiced veterinary medicine. While living in Versailles, their only child, Dennis, was born. Doc and Wilma now live in Cole Camp, Missouri. She resumed teaching and is currently completing her 17th year in the Benton County R-1 School at Cole Camp.

Wayne Snelling

John Snelling Family
*L to r:* Jeanne, Edna Bea, John, Donald and Wilma.

Wayne, after graduating from high school, served in the Southwest Pacific Theatre Operations, and was wounded on Luzon in May of 1945, while serving as a scout in a rifle company of the 63rd Infantry, 6th Division. Among his medals are the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Wayne and his wife, the former Ann Elaine Rastorfer, have three children: Wanda Mae, Ronald Wayne, and Kenneth Paul. In 1950 Wayne began work in the Stover Post Office, and is presently serving as Superintendent of Window Services in the Springfield Post Office.

Jeanne taught school in Morgan County, and later went to Kansas City where she was employed as a secretary at Hall Brothers. She married Howard Jones, and they have two children, David Wayne and Debra Jeanne. Debra is married to J.R. Palmer whose mother is a member of a Griswold family in Morgan County.

Donald, the youngest of the family, was employed at TWA for several years before serving in the army, assigned as a mechanic to repair fixed-wing reconnaissance aircraft and helicopters. He also served in the same capacity in the Missouri National Guard for several years before assuming his present position with the Defense Department. He is presently serving as a military advisor in the Mideast.

Donald's wife, Sue Hill Stever, is at their home in St. Louis. Their family consists of a daughter, Denise, and three stepchildren — Howard and Pamela Stever, and Ronda Stever Miller.

John Snelling died in 1968, and he is buried in the family plot in Conway Cemetery in Camden County. His wife remains at the home in Stover where they retired from the farm in 1958. *By Wilma Snelling Taylor*

## LOGAN OLIVER SOUSLEY

Logan Oliver Sousley II was born in Camden County, Mo., 24 April, 1921, son of Logan Oliver and Lou Emma (Walls) Sousley Sr. The family moved to Morgan County in 1932. He attended the Berkstresser & Ball grade schools. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. from 4 April,

Logan Sousley

1939 to 26 Sept., 1940. In August, 1941, he married Maude Nadyne Berkstresser, daughter of George William and Nellie Jane (Smiley) Berkstresser Sr. They live in Belton, Mo. where he is self-employed as a contractor in home construction. Maude is a certified ceremics instructor. Their children are: (1) Patricia Ann Sousley, born 3 July 1943, in Morgan County. She attended school in Versailles and K.C., Mo. Enrolling at the U.M.K.C., she became a certified chair side dental assistant, later assuming duties as a clinic coordinator in the chairside training program at the K.C. Mo. Dental College before assisting in private practice. 20 April, 1963, she married Earl A. Huff, Jr., son of Earl A. and Evelyn (Price) Huff Sr. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a graduate of the K.C. Mo. Police Academy in 1971. He is presently a technician at the Chemagro Chemical Co. Patricia is in real estate with Century 21. They live in Blue Springs, Mo. Their children are: Michael E. Huff, born 21 Dec., 1964. Died 28 Jan., 1966. Kristin J. Huff, born 18 Feb., 1967. Monica A. Huff, born 2 March, 1970.

(2) Logan Oliver Sousley III, born 16 Sept., 1946 in Boonville, Mo. He attended Versailles & K.C. Mo. Schools. He was selected to receive the Memorial Award when he graduated from Southeast High School. He served as a volunteer in the U.S. Navy, including one year in Vietnam. He received citations for outstanding performance, also, nominated Seaman of the Month. 21 Dec., 1969, he married Joyce A. (Alarie) Callahan, daughter of Henry & Veronica (Daly) Alarie in Coventry, R.I. He is co-owner of the Con Carpet & Furniture Co. in Blue Springs, Mo. Joyce is employed at the Jacomo Bank in Blue Springs. They live in rural Oak Grove community. Their children are: Michael P. Callahan, born 11 Feb., 1962. Any K. Sousley, born 2 Oct., 1972. Logan Oliver Sousley IV, born 19 July, 1973. Died 20 July, 1973.

(3) Philip James Sousley, born 14 March, 1958, in Jackson County, K.C. Mo. He attended School in K.C., Mo. before moving to Belton, Mo. in 1968. He participated in basketball, football and baseball in High School. He was chosen for 1st Team Conference in 1974, 1st Team Conference, plus 2nd Team Regional in 1976, and nominated for All American. He attended Missouri Western College, St. Joseph, Mo and & Longview Community College, Lees Summit, Mo. 13 Jan., 1979, he married Susan A. Atteberry, daughter of David & Charlotte (Collier) Atteberry. She attended S.M.S. College, Springfield, Mo. & Longview Community College. She is employed by the I.R.S. Philip is affiliated with the Con Carpet and Furniture Co., Blue Springs, Mo. They live in Belton, Mo.

## SAMUEL WASHINGTON SPEARS

Samuel Washington Spears was born on 14 July 1844. It is believed that he was a native of Virginia and that he moved to Morgan County, Missouri in the 1860's or early 1870's. He purchased a farm about eleven miles southwest of Versailles on which there was a cave that came to be called the Spears Cave. Besides operating his farm, he owned and operated a water powered grist-mill and a carding-mill for wool, both located on the farm. He served on the Morgan County Court

Spears Cave
Mary Spears, Gussie Bowers, Charley Spears, Berthal Ethel Spears, Fred W. Zwanzig

from 1902-1906 and lived on his farm until his death 30 December 1916.

The Spears Family
Charley, Samuel Washington Spears
*Standing:* Leroy Spears, Mary and youngest child, Bertha.

On January 3, 1875 Samuel Spears married Mary Magdoline Williams. Mary's great-grandfather, William Williams, was a native of England and a soldier in the British Army during the American Revolution. He became so well pleased with the Americans and their country from what he saw of them during the war that he remained and settled in Virginia. Mary's grandfather, Joseph Williams, moved to Morgan County, with his family in the early 1850's. Many of his descendants still live in the county. Mary died in Versailles Jan. 21, 1927. Both she and Samuel are buried in the Stover cemetery.

Of the issue of Samuel and Mary Spears only three lived to maturity: LeRoy (Roy), Charles (Charley), and Bertha Ethel.

Roy received $100, a team of horses, and a wagon from his father when he was 21 years old. With these he drove to western Oklahoma and homesteaded near Goodwell. He built a sod house (there are very few trees in western Oklahoma) and after a year, returned to Stover, Mo. to marry Ida May Huffman. Later he moved from Goodwell to Guymond, Okla. where he was a mail carrier and postmaster. The issue of his marriage are: Howard, Bethena, Helen, and Erlene.

On 20 Sept. 1920 Charley married Gussie Mae Bowers. They moved to Bradgate, Iowa where he died without issue Nov. 4, 1938. Gussie became postmistress of Bradgate and still lives there.

Bertha Ethel married Fredrick (Fred) Zwanzig June 4, 1913. They lived on their farm about ten miles south of Versailles

until 1924 at which time they moved to Versailles so that Fred could assume his duties as the newly elected county sheriff. Issue of this marriage who lived to maturity are: Samuel, Quentin, Lysle Elsie Edith, Mary Alice. All of these children are still living as of 1978. Ethel died in Versailles May 2, 1928. Both she and Fred are buried in the Zwanzig family cemetery south of Versailles. *By Samuel Zwanzig*

## FRANK T. SPECK

Frank T. Speck married Deanna Duncan, of Liberty, Mo., on Dec. 23, 1960. The couple made their home in Independence, Mo., until March, 1968, when they moved to Morgan County.

The Specks had purchased Beauty View Resort, on the Lake of the Ozarks near Gravois Mills. The move to Morgan County, to operate their own lake resort fulfilled a long-time dream for Frank and Deanna Speck.

During their marriage, Frank and Deanna Speck adopted two children, Gene Frank and Tricia Deanna. Both children attended school at Versailles, and were graduated from Morgan County R-II High School. Gene Frank married Patti Ritchie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ritchie of Versailles. Patti also attended Versailles High School. Gene Frank and Patti Speck now live in Independence, Mo. They have one child, Melissa Dawn.

Tricia married Samuel Duane Nations, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nations of Versailles. Sam also graduated from Versailles High School. Sam and Tricia now live in Belleville, Ill., where he is stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

After operating Beauty View Resort for seven years, Frank T. and Deanna Speck sold the resort, but kept their home near Gravois Mills. After selling the resort, Frank invented and manufactured a boat-washing machine that is marketed in several states as well as at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Recently, Frank and Deanna Speck bought 80 acres on Webb Road, in south Morgan County, where they plan to build a new home. *Submitted by Mrs. Frank Speck*

## JOHN HAYWOOD SPURLOCK

James Aquilla Spurlock was the first Spurlock to settle in Morgan County. He was born in Cannon County, Tenn., and after completing a course at Buell College (probably Burrith Spence College), he conducted a select school for some time in Tennessee.

After that, he read law at McMinnville, Tenn., and was admitted to the bar in Tennessee in 1846. For the next 12 years, he practiced law at Gainsboro, Tenn., and authored several religious and legal books.

James married Clara Talbott in 1852. In 1858, the family moved from Tennessee to Webster County, Mo., and then to Versailles in 1864, where he built the Spurlock Hall and practiced law.

James Aquilla and Clara Talbott Spurlock had 13 children: Paul, Josiah, Martha, John Haywood, Nancy, Belle, James B., Gabriella, Susan A., Sidney, Olive, Marry and Elizabeth. John Haywood was born in Tennessee on Sept. 30, 1853. He moved with his parents to Missouri.

On Mar. 5, 1875, John Haywood married Nannie Earle Minor, daughter of Garrett and Henrietta Josephine McClanahan Minor. John and Henrietta moved the Minor homestead, west of Versailles. This land was inherited by Henrietta from her father, in his will which read: "All that portion of said tract of land lying north of the State Road and extending to the Township line which divides Townships 42 and 43, containing probably about 300 acres more or less."

John and Henrietta had 12 children, 11 of whom lived to adulthood. Their children were: Annie Earle, James Minor (Jack), John Robert (Rob), Clara (Ted), Clyde Everett (Cleve), Anthony Wood (Tony), Paul Oliver, Heneritte Josephine (Hettie), Belford Walker (Mike), Susan Agatha (Winnie) and Drury Josiah (Drue).

Annie married John Arnold of Sedalia and they had two daughters: Mary Louise and Julia Frances. Jack married Ora Keene of Ardmore, Okla., and they had eight children: June Aurelia, Margaret Eileen, Jack Joyce, Nannie May, Betty Ann, Carol Jerome, Marcia Rae and Alice Faye.

Rob married Linnie M. Marriott of Versailles and they had four children: Helen, Harry Dolores, T.L. and Woodrow. Ted married John Francis Kelly of Limon, Colorado. Cleve never married.

Tony married Faye Eagan of Versailles and they had one daughter, Betty Jean. Paul married Grace Clifton of Versailles and they had three children: Samuel Clifton, Mabel Ruth and Clara Paulene. Paul still resides in Morgan County.

Hettie married Gene Agee and they had three children: Fonda, Eugene II and Phyllis Ann. Mike married Mary Agness Lamb of Detroit, Mich. They had two daughters, Janet and June. Winnie married John P. Mullin in Lansing, Mich. They had three children: Margaret Earle, Garrett Minor and Mary Ann. Winnie presently resides in Limon, Colo.

Drue married Grace Jeanette Allen and they had five children: James Haywood, Belford Milo, John Minor, Victor Allen, and Nancy Ann. Drue still lives and farms on the "old homestead" west of Versailles, on part of the original Spurlock land. *Submitted by S.C. Spurlock*

## WILLIAM H. STAFFORD

William H. Stafford, known as B.H. Stafford, along with his wife Minnie Swearingen Stafford and three children came to Morgan County from Douglas County, Missouri in September 1907.

Their children Jessie P. (deceased), Lester T. (deceased) and Hazel were born in Douglas County. A daughter Ethel died before leaving Douglas County. Everett; twins Ruth and Martha (deceased); Elic; George; Noah, known as Dice (deceased); Paul; John; and Virgil, known as Bud were born in Morgan County.

Lester married Leona Greibel and they had five children. After Leona's death he married Helen Branson and they had four children.

Hazel married Frank Schmitz (deceased) and lives in Streator, Illinois. She has six children.

Everett is married to Mildred Iman and they live on a farm Northeast of Versailles.

Ruth married Jack Ritchie and they live in Pawnee Rock, Kansas. They have twelve children.

Elic married Ann Burge. Four children were born to them. They live in Sweet Home, Oregon.

George is married to the former Virginia Hulvey and they live in Stanford, Illinois. He also owns acreage in Morgan County and comes down often to visit other members of the family.

Noah married Melva Lee Morrison and they had eight children. Most of the family live in Versailles or near by.

Paul is married to Opal Faye Morrison and they have six children. Paul, Faye and two of their children live in Versailles.

John married Joyce Breen. Five sons were born to them. John spent thirty years in the Navy and they live in Versailles.

Virgil married Delores James and they have three children. He has eight children by a former marriage. They are all living in Sweet Home, Oregon.

During World War II five of the sons of B.H. Stafford served in the Armed Forces. B.H. was a farmer all his life. *Joyce Breen Stafford*

## LABAN OLIVER STAHL

Laban Oliver Stahl was born at rural Otterville in Cooper County Mo. Oct. 22, 1913, the son of Bluhm Emmret Stahl and Lora (Thomas) Stahl. He was the third generation of Stahls to be born in Missouri. His Stahl ancestors came originally from Pennsylvania.

Oliver Stahl began his education at rural Gilroy (Cooper County) and completed his elementary work at Syracuse. He graduated from Syracuse High School in 1931. While in high school he was a member of the basket-ball team that came to be widely known for their outstanding record in Central Missouri and beyond. He graduated from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar in 1933 where he was captain of the basket-ball team of that year. He taught school at Freeman, Missouri where he coached the high school basket-ball team but left the teaching profession to return to his first love — the farm.

He married Queen Esther Binkley in 1935, a high school English teacher at Syracuse. Mrs. Stahl was born in Cole County. Her Binkley ancestors came from Tennessee but had been residents of Missouri since before the war between the states. Her mother's people came originally from Kentucky. Her grandfather Wright was a miller, the operator of a carding machine and a coffin maker. Mr. Wright was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and was in much demand at funerals, baptismal services, and other community functions. He was related through his mother's people to General Robert E. Lee.

Mrs. Stahl received her elementary education and two years of high school at Eugene (Cole County). She completed her high school work at the Training School in Warrensburg. She attended the University of Missouri at Columbia and completed her college work at Central Missouri State at Warrensburg where she received the B.S., B.S. in Ed., and A.B. degrees. She taught two years in the rural schools of Cole and Miller counties, seven years in Syracuse High School and six years in Tipton High School (Moniteau County). She is a member of the Syracuse Baptist Church. She is also a member of the Syracuse Homemakers Club and the Social Order of the Beauceant, Sedalia, Mo.

Mr. Stahl is a deacon in the Syracuse Baptist Church and active in the Men's Organization. He is a past moderator of Harmony Baptist Association and past asst.-moderator of Lamine Baptist Association, having served a number of years on the executive board of each association. He was key-note speaker for the bi-centennial activities when the wagon train stopped at the Otto Carver ranch south of Syracuse in May 1976.

Mr. Stahl is a mason — a member and past master of Pleasant Grove Lodge #142, Otterville, a past District Deputy Grand Master of the 25th masonic district of Mo., a Scottish Rite Mason, Kansas City Valley where he received the distinguished Knight Commander of the Court of Honor award in 1977. He is currently president of the Sedalia Scottish Rite Club. He is also a Knight Templar of the York Rite of masonry and a member of Ararat Shrine, Kansas City, Mo. He has sevved his lodge and many neighboring lodges as director of funeral rights, having officiated in more than seventy such services.

Mr. and Mrs. Stahl were parents of a son, John Tolbert Stahl, who died in 1968. John Tolbert was always interested in history, particularly Missouri and Morgan County histories. He would have been intensely interested in this project.

Mr. and Mrs. Stahl resided in farms near Syracuse and Bunceton for the first two years of their married life. They moved to north Pettis county near Longwood where they lived for seven years. In 1944 they returned to Morgan County and to their present residence one mile south of Syracuse on highway D. *L. Oliver Stahl*

## EDMUND STALEY

A tearful little wife bade her husband a sad farewell as he sailed for the United States. Thus, Edmund Stealey and wife, Anna Roberts Stealey, were to be parted for two years. Mrs. Stealey remained at their home in Holywell, North Wales to care for their five children: Joseph, Thomas, John, Jemimah, and Robert.

Mr. Stealey sailed on the Great Eastern, a sailing ship. He landed in New York in 1870 and went from there to Pennsylvania, where he found employment. When Mrs. Stealey and the children came to the States two years later, they had plans to go to the Bond community in Morgan County. The youngest son, Robert, lived only a short time. He was the first to be buried in the Bond cemetery.

Three more children were born in Missouri. They were Sarah Jane, who died in infancy, Robert, and Edmund. Mr. and Mrs. Stealey moved to Camden County near Old Purvis, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They, too, are buried in the Bond cemetery.

Joseph (Joe) and Robert (Bob) Stealey went to Colorado to mine gold. After a few years they drilled irrigation wells in Idaho and Utah. They died a number of years ago. Joe is buried in Roosevelt, Utah and Bob in the Bond cemetery in Morgan County.

Thomas married Nellie Johnston and lived at Purvis many years. To this union was born three sons and a daughter: Edmund, Sarah, William and John. Edmund never married. He died in Utah and is buried in the cemetery at old St. Patrick's Church. William married Margaret Day and lived several years in Sedalia where he is buried. John married Doris Collier and lived in Marshall at the time of his death. Sarah married W.T. White and lives in Sedalia. John Stealey was killed in a mining accident at Galena, Kansas. He is buried in the Bond cemetery. He never married.

Edmund Stealey married Josephine Purvis and they lived at Purvis, Mo. They with their family moved to Versailles in 1914. The following children were born: Joseph (deceased, buried in Santa Fe, N.M.), Myra, who married George W. Petty (deceased) lives in Versailles. Ora married Garrett Gingrich (deceased) and Luther Kemp (deceased) and lives in Tulsa, Okla. Josephine married Byrd McKay and lives in Albuquerque, N.M. Dr. Edmund Staley married Lorraine Anton and lives in Alamagordo, N.M.

The spelling of the name Stealey was changed to Staley, as it is properly pronounced, by mutual consent of the older Stealeys.

## WILLIAM GREEN STEELE

William Green Steele (1838-1900), son of William Washington Barnard Steele (who came to Morgan County from Cooper County before 1838) married Isaac Alice Homan (1848-1924), daughter of Richard and Virginia Wear Homan, in 1866. To this union were born five sons and six daughters: William T., Eliza A., Sally Virginia, Lydia E., Joseph Green, James H., John M., Robert Lee, Ola Frances, Mattie A., and Mollie B.

William T. married Macy Lewis. They had five children. Earl married Emma Siegel and had two daughters, Louise (Mrs. Armin Landis) and Dorothy (Mrs. Leonard Koenke, Jr.). Howard died young, unmarried. Lettie married Claude Jones, no children. Charles married Olive Martin and had one son. Ruby married George Erdman, no children.

Eliza married James M. Faulwell. They had eight children. Lou died when a child. Bessie and Walker never married. Cora married Ben Zimmerschied. One of their children was named Blanche. Pearle married Wesley Decker, Milton married Pearl Williams. Neither had children. Willie married Clara Hatfield — one daughter, two sons. Bloom married (Genevieve) Bond — two sons.

Virginia married Rev. H.A. Sanders. They had six children. Arthur married Tilda Brodersen. Their children, Carrol and Ada. Flossie married Emil Rehmer, one daughter, Cora. Walker married Sophie Kanenbley, three daughters, one son. Alpha married Roy Dinwiddie. Their children — Phyllis Dean and James Roy, Jr. Lottie never married. Ursie married Alfred Smith, no children.

Lydia married Joseph Maness. They had six children. Josie married Ford Funk, three daughters. Virgil married, had one son. Green married Laura Driskell, two sons, one daughter. Mattie married Abner Driskell, several children. Ethel married Bill Furnell. Lacy died in infancy.

William Green Steele Family

Joseph married Mary Melvina Chilcoat and they had nine children. Pearl married Ben Brodersen, nine children. Clarence married Verna Fonley, seven children and one died in infancy. Lee married Norene Lewis, no children. Arthur married. Oscar married Loretta Gerard, two sons. Lloyd and his wife had two children. Lula married Lloyd Waters, two sons, two daughters. Marie married Eddie Higgins, had a son and a daughter and two died in infancy. Ruth married Harold Hill, two sons, one daughter. Esther married Lloyd Finley, two sons, one daughter.

James married Fannie Myers and had nine children. Raymond married Mary Cox, no children. Russell is unmarried. Beulah married Austin Smith, one son, one daughter. Velma married David Cartee, no children. Ada married Clarence Cox, one son. Alma married Jim Norman, one son. James married Marie Eskut, no children. Homer married Rovella Pettit, two sons. Jewell married Loretta Robertson and had seven children.

John married Sally Myers and had nine children. Annie married John Dumsday and had two sons. Robert and Ralph (twins) both married, Ralph had two daughters, Robert one son, one daughter. Myrtle married George Ross. Vivian married, had one son. Lucille married. Dorothy married Harold Ryan. Murl married and had one son. John married.

Robert L. (1889-) married Cecil Dora Dea Williams (1895-1967, daughter of Robert Sophronia Cramer Williams) in 1919. Their only child, Kenneth Lee, born in 1928, married Dorothy K. Borchers and had one daughter and two sons. Janice married Michael E. Kennedy, they had two daughters. Dwayne married Deborah D. Browne and had one son. Dennis George is not married.

Ola married Louis Schroder and had two children. Alta died in infancy. Glenn married Margaret Bolton. They have three daughters and one son.

Mattie (1876-1963) and Mollie (1882-1925) never married.

The only surviving child of William Green Steele and his wife, Alice, is Robert Lee Steele, now living in Sedalia. *Submitted by Robert L. Steele*

## WILLIAM WASHINGTON BARNARD STEELE

Before 1838, William Washington Barnard Steele and wife, whose maiden name was Cordry, came from Cooper County and settled on a 400-acre farm in the northern part of Morgan County. The farm lies on the south side of Flat Creek and east and west of Richland Creek. To this union were born 3 sons and 4 daughters. They were: William Green, James M., Robert, Fannie, Jane, Marguerite, and Ann.

William G. and his wife, Alice Homan Steele, had 5 sons and 6 daughters.

James M. (1856-1935) lived in Morgan County and married Lenora Hendricks. They had 4 children. Clara married George Brisley and they had 2 daughters and a son. Mary never married. Minnie married Lee Langdon and had three daughters: Louise, Irma, and Frances. Louise married Lewis Momberg and had 2 daughters. Irma married Paul Lingle, had some children.

Edward married Gertrude McNeal and they had 8 children. They were: Alma, Clara, Opal, Anna Belle, Blanche, Nora Frances, James Edward, and Wray Eugene. Anna Belle died when a small child. Alma and Clara married but had no children. Opal has one son, Deo Van Marcum. Blanche and husband, Marlin Schroeder, have one daughter, Jane. Nora married Dale Cramer. They had 4 daughters and a son, Dale Lynn. Diane died when small. Kay married Kenneth Moon and has 2 daughters. Pamela married Jackie Combs. They have one daughter. Kelli is still in school. James Edward had one son from his first marriage, and also children from his second marriage. Wray married Cora Belle Lewis. They have a daughter, Vickie, and 3 sons living, Tony, Gene, and Bruce. K.C. died in his teens.

Robert (son of W.W.B. Steele) married and had one daughter, Roberta.

Fannie married Thistle Thorton and had 2 daughters and a son.

Jane married Jim Dinsomon.

Ann never married.

Marguerite married George Homan and had 3 children. Will, Sally, and Virginia. Sally married Charlie Sparks. They and their children moved away from Morgan County years ago. Virginia married John Sparks. One of their twin girls, Macie, died in infancy. The other twin was Gracie, and their son was George, now deceased. His wife was Nellie Turner. Will Homan married Grace Shoemaker and had one son, Henry. After the death of Grace he married Laura Monsees and they had a son and three daughters. Henry married Lee Anna Sanders. They had 2 sons: David Lee and Billy Joe, and 2 daughters, Judy Faye (Mrs. Jacob Ramey) and Jewell Mae (Mrs. Ray Stemberger). One daughter died in infancy. David married Mary Evelyn Howard. They have one daughter and 2 sons living and one son dead. Billy married Linda Combs and they have 2 sons. Judy has 3 sons. Mae has 2 daughters and a son. *Submitted by Robert Lee Steele*

## FREDERIKA STEINBRINK

Frederika Steinbrink married in 1872 to Chris Brunkhorst, the miller, and resided in Richland township, in Morgan County, Mo. Chris Brunkhorst was born July 16, 1846 in Hanover, Germany and came here in 1866. Their daughter was: Katherine (Brunkhorst) Bierman.

Their grandson, Raymond Bierman, married Aug. 13, 1933 to Ida Nadine Lyles of Sedalia, Mo. Nadine, was born in Morgan County, Mo. in the Bethel school district, and moved to Pettis county, Mo. at an early age with her parents, the late Golden Morris and Samuel Cole Lyles.

Raymond and Nadine (Lyles) Bierman, reside at 1323 Spazier Ave., Glendale, California, and have three sons: Raymond Cole Bierman, Larry Lyles Bierman and Robert K. Bierman. *By Mrs. G.D. Yarnell*

## WILLIAM LAWRENCE STEPHENS

Will L. Stephens was born in Cooper County near Bunceton, Mo. on August 27, 1848. He was the son of William H. and Maria Adams Stephens, both natives of Cooper County. His paternal grandfather, Judge Lawrence Cole Ste-

phens came with his father, Joseph Stephens, from Wythe County, Virginia, in November of 1817 and settled south of Boonville. Joseph Stephens was the son of Peter Stephens, Jr., who served as a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War.

Will L. was reared to farm life. He received his education in a district school and attended Cullen & Simpson Institute. At age 16, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served nine months in Shelby's Division under General Price. He returned home and entered school. In 1868 he accepted a position in a general store at Bunceton for $200 a year and board. The following year he accepted his uncle Thomas Stephens' offer of $300 a year and board to clerk at New Palestine. He also acted as railroad agent. Following this year of employment, he joined the Central National Bank at Boonville. During the next eight years, he served as messenger boy and worked his way up to cashier. One of these eight years was spent at the Moniteau National Bank at California, Missouri as a clerk. He then embarked in the stock business, feeding and shipping extensively, specializing in blooded shorthorn stock. In November of 1882, he moved to Versailles where, with Dr. Woods and others, he established the Bank of Versailles and served as its cashier continuously to the date of his death except for one and one-half years spent in the state of California.

Will L. was twice elected as treasurer of Boonville. In 1888 he was elected Mayor of Versailles and served as school director for many years. He was a member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as District Deputy and Grandmaster of his district in the 100F. He was an active member of the A.O.U.W.

On October 7, 1875, at California, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Eliza Foote Roache, a native of Indiana, and the adopted daughter of Judge R.Q. Roache of California, Missouri. To this union eleven children were born; Emma, Rebecca, Carrie, Quincy L., William A., Maria E., Robert, Nannie, Ruth, Howard L. and Alpha W. Stephens. Eliza died September 8, 1915, at Versailles, Missouri.

Will L. Stephens departed this life on December 3, 1923 at the Martin Hotel where he had lived since his home was destroyed by fire. He is remembered as one of the most trusted and competent bankers in Missouri.

## JOHN DICK STEVENS

John Dixon Stevens moved from Tennessee to southern Morgan County, and made his home near the Osage River. His son, John Dick Stevens, was born there on Nov. 30, 1839.

John Dick Stevens served in the Civil War, as did his brother, Captain Lee Stevens. Captain Stevens was killed during the war. Other brothers of John Dick were Bert, Monroe and Marshall. Two daughters also were born to the John Dixon Stevens' family.

John Dick married Martha Ann Kelsey, daughter of James and Margaret Kelsey, who came to Missouri from Kentucky. The couple owned and operated a large farm and livestock business in the Cape Galena community. John Dick also was engaged in the mercantile business in Cape Galena, an early settlement on the main road between Linn Creek and Eldon.

He helped organize the first public school — Buck's Creek — in the area. The family interest in education has since prompted some 30 of his descendants to become teachers and school administrators.

Ten children were born to John Dick and Martha Ann Stevens. Marshall married Effie Howard, John Calvin married Belle Davis, Jim married Anna J. Davis, Willard married Wilda Houser, Claude married Nellie Pace, Jennie married Seth Howard, Fannie married Grant Vinn, Ella married Cyrus Alltop, Florence married Charley Kays and Sadie married Jim Wallace.

During his life in Morgan County, John Dick was a leader in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, near the Stevens home; and later of the Presbyterian Church that was organized by Edwards and Mary Clingen, near Gladstone.

Claude, Willard and Jim Stevens

His sons, John Calvin, Willard and Jim followed their father's career in the mercantile business and farming in the Cape Galena, Gladstone and Linn Creek areas. Other sons, daughters and grandchildren farmed extensively on the fertile soils along the Osage River.

John Dick Stevens, his wife, his father and many of his children are buried at the Stevens, or Cape Galena Cemetery. John Dick purchased this plot of land and deeded it for a cemetery. His father, John Dixon Stevens, was the first to be buried there, in 1899. Among the graves in the cemetery are those of six U.S. servicemen killed in action.

Nearly 140 years after John Dick Stevens was born here, Morgan County still retains much of the rich heritage he helped build. *Submitted by Mrs. Cal Stevens*

## CHARLES LEMUEL STEVENSON

Charles Lemuel Stevenson's grandfather, James Cross Stevenson arrived in America from Scotland in the early 1800's, settling first in New Jersey, later moving to Illinois and then to Missouri. He was a Union soldier in the civil war and married Harriett Murphy Wilson, a war widow. They were the parents of four children, Joseph Sampson, born in 1866, William, Carey and James. Joseph Sampson married Ellen Delong and lived south of Stover. They were the parents of four children, Charles Lemuel, Clarence, Alma and Ruthie. After Ellen died at the age of 30, Joseph married Dora Branch at Proctor. Their children were Tom, Herb, Vinie, Jim, Ed, Dell and Florene. Joseph and Dora lived about 8 miles south of Stover. He cut and hauled ties. When he died at the age of 63, The Statesman stated in part, "Perhaps no man in Morgan County ever cut and hauled more ties than Joe Stevenson. . . . he left behind him a good name for honor and integrity which is a monument more than some men's millions."

Clarence married Bertha Silvey and lived in St. Joseph, Missouri. Their children were Russell, Claude, Floyd and L.G. He became a Baptist preacher, organizing and pastoring the East Valley Church of St. Joseph. Alma married Charles Ritchie. Their children were Gilbert, Howard and Mancil.

Ruthie married Marion Phillips and had one son, Dorsey. When Ruthie died at the age of 32, Dorsey was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Will Schapper.

Charles Lemuel was born July 15, 1890 in Morgan County. He married Fannie Webb in 1912. They were the parents of

Wray Stevenson — 1934

three children, Wray, Glen and Opal. He was a Baptist preacher, holding revivals around the county and neighboring counties. The churches he pastored were Locust Baptist, Ritchie Baptist, West Union Baptist, Union Baptist and Blue Springs Baptist. He organized the New Bethel Baptist Church located south of Stover on September 14, 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemuel Stevenson
Wedding Photo Dec. 1912

Church was held in the Brushy School house until the present church was built and dedicated on September 8, 1952. He also was a farmer and cut wood and made ties. Charles Lemuel (known as Lem) died on April 17, 1942 at the age of 52. Fannie died at the age of 80 in December, 1972.

Opal married George Cofer. They have one son, Paul, who lives in Kansas City, Missouri. Opal and George live about one mile west of Versailles.

Glen married Anna Jane Ellis. Their children are Donald, Anna Marie, Dale, Steven and Patti. They all live in Morgan County, except Anna Marie and Steven.

Wray was born in 1915 and raised in the Ritchie community. He married Flossie Riggs. His main occupation was carpentry, although he had an ice route in Versailles and worked in maintenance for the City of Versailles. Wray and Flossie have two daughters, Doris, born November 19, 1937 and Lois, born April 3, 1941. Wray and Flossie live about one mile west of Versailles.

Doris is a civil service employee at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. She married Virgil Thompson and they have one daughter, Lokeene. Lokeene married Larry Sebren, has two children, Russell and Nicole and live at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Lois married Frank Vansell, lives in Versailles and is an officer of the Morgan County Bank. *by Lois Stevenson Vansell*

## W.R. (BILLY) STEVENSON

James Cross Stevenson and his brothers Joseph, Clayton, and Aaron came to New Jersey in the mid-1800's from England through Scotland, followed by his parents, James and Catherine Cross Stevenson and their other children: Sarah, Mary, Rachel, and Kissar. James Cross fought with the union troops from New Jersey and camped close to a house where a widow lived with three children. She offered them food and lodging and water for the horses. She was Harriett Murphy Wilson, widow of southern general Fontaine Wilson from Tennessee, and she later married James C. Stevenson. After the war they moved into Illinois and had four children: Joseph Sampson, William Richard, Carey, and James E. Harriett died sometime in the 1870's and the family moved to Morgan County where James Sr. and his family had already migrated to, settling south of Stover.

Stevensons in 1908
Jerrie, Latham and Billy holding Pauline
*Back:* Mary Jane and Fern.

William R. (Billy) Stevenson was born in 1870; he married Katie Ann Roe in 1891. They lived on a farm in south Morgan until 1906 when Billy became county surveyor and moved into Versailles. He held this office for 24 years from 1906 to 1918 and from 1920 to 1932. During these years eight children were born: Cecile, Fern E., Henry Wilson Latham, Paul Jennie June, Pauline, Russell, and an infant born and died in 1908. Katie Ann died of pneumonia after the childbirth. Cecile, Russell and Paul died when still small. Fern married Arthur Campbell of Versailles. Latham married Flossie Cox and worked for Standard Oil for 55 years. He lived in Vivian, La. and had one child, Bill, who also works for Amoco and lives in Texas. Jerrie and Pauline both live in Kansas City.

After Katie Anns death, Billy married her sister Mary Jane Roe, daughter of Thomas Roe and Tabitha Cumi Wood Roe of Bagnell. Mary Jane died in 1946. Their children were James Harry, Theodore Roosevelt, Katie Virginia, Shirley Thaddeus, Aaron Bowline, Aubrey, Gwendolyn, and Lillian Harriet Cumi. Jim was born 1909, never married and died in 1941. T.R., born 1910 married first Grace Purl, lived in Kansas City and had two children, Beverly and Donald. He married second Eva Scott and lives in retirement at their lake home on route P. Katie, Virginia, Aubrey, and Gwendolyn all died as children. Shirley married and had two children, Shirley June and Michael, born in 1946 and 1947. He died in 1966. Aaron,

Latham and Billy Stevenson — 1917

born in 1915 has three children: Shaaron, Aaron Jr., and Patrick. Aaron died in 1976. Lillian was born in 1924, grew up in Versailles and first married Edgar Patterson. They had one child, Wm. Sherman (Billy) born in 1942. She married second Dencil Smith, son of W.A. and Sarah Jane Smith of Versailles. Dencil adopted Billy in 1947 and changed his name to William Richard Smith. They live in Kansas City where Dencil has worked for Ruperts Die Casting and Parmelee Industries Inc., and Lillian was in the Insurance business for 20 years. In 1973 she became permanently disabled with a heart and lung condition and has since been confined to her home where she is not allowed any company whatsoever. She passes the time making beautiful shawls, afghans and fancy embroidery, giving all of it away to grandchildren, friends and relatives.

Billy married Wilma Lea Bishop of Tunas, Mo. in 1961 and also lives in Kansas City. They have four children, Wm. Richard born in 1963, Bruce Handford born 1966, Elizabeth Leann born in 1967, and Cansada Marie born in 1971. *by Mrs. W.D. Harter*

## HARRY E. STOCKTON

Harry E. Stockton (1861-1948) and Harriet Tompkins (1865-1947) were married in Iowa in 1884.

They spent their first seven years in South Dakota proving a claim near Clifton (now extinct). It was a sod-covered shack where their first four children were born. They returned to Iowa and lived on a farm until they moved to Morgan County in 1905, with their entire family.

They bought the "Snodgrass place" near Versailles for $35 per acre, considered a high price. They never owned another farm.

Their children were Roy, who married Clara Lumpee and lived in Idaho. Frank, who married Dora Heineman and spent most of his life in Morgan County. They had four children: Jack, who married Millie Haight and lived in Idaho. They had one child; Eva married Joe Clifton. They lived in Morgan County and had five children; Ina married Estill DeVinna. They lived in Morgan County and had three daughters; Floyd married Edna Dinwiddie, they lived in Morgan County and had two sons; Sadie married David Driver, they lived in Morgan County and had three children; Elsie married Lee T. Sims, who live in Versailles. No children; Harriette married Lewis C. Jones, they spent all their life in Morgan County and had two children, and Ethel married Hugh Hart, who have always lived in Morgan County and have one son. *by Harriette Stockton Jones*

## GEORGE H. STOVER

At the end of the Civil War in 1865 the family of Maj. George H. Stover decided to leave their home in Jersey Shores, Pa. and go west. They joined a party that was going from Bellefonte, Pa. One of the members of the party was George Decker, an officer in the Northern Army, who had seen much service in the war. The group left Pennsylvania in 1865 and traveled overland to Versailles, where they decided to locate.

Maj. Stover and his wife, Harriett, had three daughters, Addie, Candace and Annie. Annie married Col. John Neilson, a lawyer. They had two sons, Lester and George, and two daughters, Mabel and Cecil. Mabel married Andrew H. Kindle, a monument maker in Versailles and a good musician. The Kindle's had two sons, Carroll and Fordyce. The Kindle family were all good musicians and had a dance orchestra for many years.

After Mr. Kindle's death the sons left Versailles for the state of California. Carroll died in 1940. Fordyce resides at Santa Cruz, Calif. where he still teaches music. Mrs. Mabel Kindle lived in Versailles until her death.

Candace Stover married George Decker on Aug. 16, 1866 and they settled in Versailles. They had six children one of whom, Charles, died in a logging accident at age 16, Ed, Harry, Fred and Laura Mae. Laura taught school and married Frank C. Thorpe in 1904. The Decker's ran a bakery on the corner of Jasper and Monroe streets in Versailles. Mrs. Decker was well known for her bread, cakes, pies and homemade yeast. Candace Decker died April 1, 1927. George died May 9, 1920.

Annie Stover married George Walters, a printer. They had a son, Claude, and a daughter, Edna. After the death of George Walters, his wife lived with her mother, Harriet Stover, until Mrs. Stover's death. Then Annie married S.P. Wilson and they lived in Versailles until their death.

The home of Maj. and Mrs. Stover was on Jasper street across the street south of the courthouse. It was moved into the Westlawn Addition to Versailles to make room for the Kansas City Bifocal Plant that is still in operation there. The corner building where the Decker Bakery stood was torn down. ( It was located where Russell P. Hall Real Estate office now is.)

There are no relatives in Versailles now that were kin of the Stover's, Decker's, Nielson's and Walters. *by Frances Thorpe Otten*

## COLONEL JOHN HUBLER STOVER

Stover, Missouri, was named in honor of Civil War Colonel John Hubler Stover (reference: The Missouri Historical Review — Volume XI, number 3) of Morgan County, Missouri.

Colonel John Hubler Stover was born in Aaronsburg, Pennsylvania, on April 24, 1833. He was the youngest in a family of seven children (six boys and one girl) born to Jacob E. and Catherine Hubler Stover, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania, respectively. Jacob Stover was by occupation a tanner and very active in the Whig Party politics of Pennsylvania and in the State Militia in which he held the rank of colonel.

John H. Stover was reared to farm life and received his education in the public schools of Centre County, Pennsylvania, and at Central Academy in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1857. From 1857 until 1861, he was the District Attorney for Centre County, Pennsylvania. During the Civil War (1861-1865) he rose from private in the Union Army to colonel in command of the 184th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. He was a front line commander serving in seventeen engagements including the major battle of Antietam and Gettysburg. Colonel John Stover was present at the capture of General Robert E. Lee.

Following the Civil War, he returned to Pennsylvania and married Miss Mary Ellen Hoover, a native of Centre County on December 31, 1865. To this union, one child, Augusta Stover, was born on March 29, 1876. From his early Pennsylvania life Colonel Stover was brought up in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Colonel and Mrs. Stover left Pennsylvania and settled in Versailles, Missouri, in 1866. From 1866 to 1881, he lived in Versailles and in addition to his law practice, was very active in state Republican politics and land and mineral (mainly coal) speculations in Morgan County, Missouri.

In the general election of November 1868, Colonel John Hubler Stover defeated Ignatius Hogel (Democrat) to fill the vacancy in the U.S. House of Representatives from the Missouri Fifth District. Colonel Stover was a member of the U.S. Fortieth Congress only from December 7, 1868, to March 3, 1869, when the term expired. But it was during this time as a U.S. Congressman and with his influence in state politics as a major member of the state's ruling Radical Republican Party that he started the procedure to obtain a post office for western Morgan County. By the 1870's, a "Stover Post Office" was established in Haw Creek municipal township of Morgan County (north half of Section 10, T. 42N, R. 19W.). Around this rural post office were built several general businesses and churches and soon the community of Stover was in existence.

Colonel Stover never had a residence in Stover, Missouri, but his influence in politics got the community started — the rural post office.

In 1872, Colonel Stover was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Missouri but was defeated by C.P. Johnson (Democrat) by a vote of 157,000 to 121,066.

In 1876, he was appointed as one of the Missouri Commissioners to the 1876 Centennial Exposition of the United States.

Illnesses and injuries associated with the Civil War campaigns began to restrict his business and political activities by the late 1870's. In 1881, Colonel John Stover left Morgan County and moved to Aurora Springs in Miller County, Missouri, for health reasons. He died at Aurora Springs on October 27, 1889 — in his 56th year.

Colonel John Hubler Stover was buried in Morgan County in the City Cemetery of Versailles.

## BERTHA FLORENCE STRINGER

Bertha Florence Stringer, daughter of Grant and Ellen Phillips Stringer was born Dec. 6, 1893, and died Jan. 1, 1960. She was married to John Hamilton Suddarth in 1912, who died in 1916. They were the parents of one daughter: Russie Frances "Billie" Suddarth, born May 6, 1915, was married on Jan. 25, 1936 to Harold Ray Hood, he was born Nov. 22, 1913. Their two children: Phyllis Ann Hood, and Patricia Hood. Phyllis Ann Hood, married Glen Logan Clark II, and their children are: Christopher Logan Clark, and Patricia Ann Clark.

Bertha Florence (Stringer) Suddarth, later married Frank Silvers. Their two children: Jean Florence Silvers Rosenthal, born Nov. 6, 1931, died February 1973, leaving daughter, Linda Merrill Rosenthal; and Frank Silvers Jr., born in St. Louis, Mo. Feb. 9, 1924.

Frank Silvers Jr., married Margaret Elaine Harris. (Her parents were: William E. Harris and wife Elsie E. Gastemire). Margaret Elaine Harris Silvers, born Ridgway, Pa. Aug. 5, 1922, died Nov. 19, 1960. Their four children: Robert Morris Silvers, William Frank "Ted" Silvers, Margaret Jane Silvers, and Nancy Jean Silvers.

Robert Morris Silvers married Sandra Kay Middleton, and their children are: Robin Dawn Silvers, and Loraine Jean Silvers.

William Frank "Ted" Silvers married Shirley Jean Taylor, and their children are: Christopher Robert Silvers, and Karin Beth Silvers.

Margaret Jane Silvers married Robert Michael Dash, and their son is, Ryan Michael Dash.

Nancy Jean Silvers married Dennis Norman Cledgett, and their children are: Jennifer Elaine Cledgett and Jason Arthur Cledgett.

Frank Silvers Jr., married Marilyn Jean Laughner; daughter of, Floyd M. Laughner and wife Beatrice C. Olson. Frank and Marilyn Jean Baughner Silvers have a son, Bruce James Silvers born Ridgway, Pa. Dec. 2, 1963. *by Bertha Florence Stringer, Mrs. Frank Silver Jr.*

## GRANT STRINGER

Grant Stringer, son of Thomas Stringer who was born in Indiana in 1809, whose parents were Eli and Mary Stringer, born in South Carolina, His mother Letha (Lizy) Terry Stringer was born in Indiana in 1826, whose father was born in Ohio and mother in South Carolina .They moved from Indiana to Iowa and later to Kansas and lived there during the years of the Grasshopper Invasion. When they moved to Missouri, they bought a farm in Buffalo Township and lived there until the death of Thomas. His mother moved to Idaho and lived with her daughter, Laura, and husband Tom Hughes until her death.

Grant Stringer came to Versailles about 1888 and worked for Geo. P. Clark's Livery Stable, which he later purchased. He lived with the Clark's until his marriage to Sarah Ellen Phillips, March 1, 1893. He later sold the livery stable to P.H. Padgett and worked for Thorpe Bros. Hardware Store for a number of years and later owned a grocery store in Versailles.

Sarah Ellen Phillips Stringer, born October 17, 1870, died March 14, 1946, daughter of James Phillips (1841-July 3, 1907), son of Thomas Phillips born in North Carolina in 1800, died 1858, and Mary A. McCorkle Phillips, born 1823 in Tennessee, died March 1857. Thomas and Mary Phillips moved to Benton County in 1843 and later moved to Morgan County.

Sarah Ellen Phillips Stringer's mother was Sarah Jane McFarland, born 1843 in Missouri, daughter of John McFarland, born 1822 and Margaret Purl McFarland born 1825.

Grant and Sarah Ellen Phillips Stringer were parents of four children:

I. Bertha Florence Stringer (December 6, 1893-January 1, 1960); Married John Hamilton Suddarth 1912, who died in 1916. (See sketch elsewhere)

II. Russie Frances Stringer, Born January 19, 1896, married Royce Moser, June 22, 1919. (See sketch elsewhere in this book)

III. Ella Mae Stringer (May 11, 1898-March 4, 1977), married Everett Culp and after his death married William T. McAuley, Sr. She was manager and secretary of the McAuley Electric Company in Kansas City, Mo.

IV. Aubrey Jackson Stringer (July 26, 1902-November 1969) married Martha (Mattie Julia Mellard (September 18, 1905-April 18, 1968). Their children: 1. Aubrey Jackson Stringer, Jr., born May 1931, married Martha Frances Jordan 1958, who was born May 1934, whose parents were Albert Fite Jordan and Miriam Broach Jordan. Their Children: Laura Allison Stringer, December 19, 1961; Mark Jordan Stringer, June 30, 1964; Stephen Fite Stringer, October 25, 1968.

2. Grant Stringer, born November 1935. Married and has a daughter Della Marie.

While living in Versailles, Aubrey Jackson Stringer worked at the Versailles Ice Company and Moser Hatchery. He later lived in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, with his second wife, Della, where he worked as a book binder for the Unity School of Christianity.

## ELIZABETH STUMPENHAUSEN

Some branches of the Stumpenhausen family shortened the name by dropping the "en".

Elizabeth Stumpenhaus was born in Hanover, Germany on May 5, 1823 and died on August 25, 1882. She lived in the

Lake Creek neighborhood before her marriage on the farm now owned by Raymond Anderson. She married Frederick Kanenbley probably on March 30, 1849 in Morgan County. They lived east of Florence, Mo. They and several of their children were buried east of Florence in what was known as the Kanenbley Cemetery adjoining their home and the Kanenbley church, which burned years ago.

Frederick Kanenbley was shot by the Bushwhackers during the Civil War on Sept. 25, 1863. Elizabeth continued to operate the farm with the help of her young children. At that time, Henry was 13, Herman was 5 and August was 2. Their other children were Dorisa, Eliza and Dedrick.

Dietrich Stumpenhaus was born in Germany on April 11, 1817 and died at Concordia, Mo. in 1880. He is thought to be a brother of Elizabeth Stumpenhaus; he and his son, Dick, often visited in Florence, Mo. after they moved to Concordia. Dietrich's wife, Sophia Koester Stumpenhaus, was born in Germany in 1828. It is uncertain when they arrived in the United States or when and where they were married. Dietrich's and Sophia's daughter, Marie S. (Mary) Stumpehaus (Mrs. Henry Schuette) was born in Benton County on May 23, 1858 and another daughter, Sophia Stumpenhaus (Mrs. Gevert Schuette) was born in 1860 in Morgan County at Florence.

In 1866, the Stumpenhaus family moved from Morgan County to Lafayette County by ox team — Tom and Jerry — to the home place they bought on Panther Creek near Concordia for six dollars an acre. Their family remained in that general area and their other children were Ernest born in 1854; Henry born in 1855; Anna born in 1864; (Mrs. Fritz Alewel); Dietrich H., born 1860; August born in 1868; and Meta born in 1872 (Mrs. Waldemar C. Meyer).

There are several real estate transfers in Morgan County from Dietrich Stumpenhaus buying from D.S. Collier in 1857 and from Hermann Demann in 1859. A Dedrick Stumpenhaus sold land to John Bohling in 1853, to D.S. Collier in 1857, and to Henry Schusing in 1865.

P. Stumpenhausen, aged 40 on the 1860 Census of Morgan County, was born in Hanover, Germany and it is possible, but uncertain, that he might be a brother to Dietrich and Elizabeth Stumpenhaus. His wife is listed as Phoebe, 30, also born in Hanover, Germany, and the following children born in Missouri: Elizabeth, 10; Biol, 6; Henry, 4; Margaret, 3; and twins Dronick and Phoebe, 2 months. Later census reports do not list them. *by Mrs. Charles Sanders*

## JOHN P. SULLENS

John P. and Elizabeth Waddell Sullens came to Versailles in about 1880 from Gravois Mills, where he had been a smelterer at a lead mine operated by Ki Bond. They moved into a two-story home on South Fisher street. They had five children, Ellen, Kate, John A., Fred and Leroy (Pete).

The year before they moved to Versailles the price of lead dropped suddenly from $40 per ton to $17 per ton. Since a lot of building was going on in Versailles at that time Sullens decided to go into the carpenter business here.

The lead from the Ki Bond mine was hauled to Versailles by oxen-drawn wagons and taken to Tipton for shipment to market.

Mrs. Sullens, who was born in Kentucky died in 1880. Mr. Sullens, a native Missourian, died in 1911. A daughter, Cora, died at the age of 16.

An unfinished attic room at the home had been used during the Civil War as a hideout for Confederate soldiers and a storage room for ammunition.

In 1898 Pete Sullens left here to spend a year in the Philippine Islands, fighting in the Spanish-American war. He went to Pittsburg, Pa. in 1900 where he served on the police force for 40 years until his retirement in 1940.

Miss Kate Sullens, who was blind in her last years, and lived at the Sullens home with her brothers, John, and later with Pete, also, received her education in Versailles and was an active member of the Christian Church.

John A. (Fletch) Sullens was a familiar figure on the streets of Versailles running errands, altho crippled, for the Drs. Jack and Greg Gunn.

A cousin of the Sullens', Claude Sullens, was city marshal in Versailles for many years and died in 1918 in the flu epidemic.

Fred Sullens was a newspaper man and edited and published the Jackson, Mississippi Daily News.

Fred Sullens died Nov. 19, 1957; Leroy (Pete), born 1879, died 1963; John, born 1883, died 1951; James, born 1872 died 1906; Cora, born 1886, died 1903; Alice died 1961; Kate died Nov. 23, 1961; Ann (Coffey) died in 1910.

John P. Sullens had children by two marriages.

## GEORGE NEWTON SULLIVAN

George Newton Sullivan and Amanda Ellen Cox were married Mar. 7, 1880 at Brazito, Mo. He was born Feb. 15, 1852 near Barnett, Mo. and she was born Oct. 28, 1852 near Brazito.

He died at their home in Barnett Dec. 12, 1929. She died Jan. 19, 1932 at the home of their daughter, Tracy Cochran in Barnett. Both are buried in Hopewell Cemetery.

Their children: Edna Blanch (Dec. 18, 1880-June 11, 1968), buried in Highland Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Kan., married Oscar M. Hunter. (Their children, Bernice, July 31, 1901, Oliver Monroe, Mar. 3, 1903.) Joseph Oliver, born Sept. 10, 1882, died June 14, 1969. Married Kathryn Enlose. Their children: Bess, Justin Oliver and Clarence Clayton.

Julia Matilda, born Dec. 26, 1887, died Oct. 7, 1902, buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery near Hickory Hill, Mo. John Henry, born Sept. 3, 1892, died at age ten months, buried at Mt. Carmel. Tracy Ann, born Nov. 11, 1894, married Omer E. Cochran. Their children: Bonnie Janice, born Dec. 13, 1915 and Gwendolyn Carlene, born Oct. 23, 1919.

George Newton Sullivan lived with his mother until her death. He married and his sister, Nancy Catherine (Kate) lived with them until she married Wm. R. Walker.

Edna married Oscar M. Hunter. The next day his sister, Prudence, and Alva Brown were married at the Hunter home.

Joseph Oliver Sullivan married Miss Kathryn Enloe Mar. 1905, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Enloe.

In 1912 Henry Travis Cox, brother of Amanda, bought their farm and in March the Sullivan's went to Chico, Calif. to join J.O. and family.

Tracy married Omer E. Cochran Jan. 20, 1915. *Janice Rains*

## H.D. SUMNER

Joel W. Sumner (born in 1807) moved his family to Missouri in 1859, settling near Carrier, Mo., in Camden County. He was the father of seven children.

One of the sons, Heriott Defaunt Sumner, born in Iowa in 1850, died in 1931. He married Rosa Ambler (1870-1904) on October 3, 1894. Their children were Edward, Wesley, Eliza (Mrs. Ross Ward) and Anna (Mrs. Dorsey Hibdon). His wife died in 1904 and he married Ida Henderson in 1906. She had a young daughter, Anna Belle, who lived in the home. She married Henry White.

H.D. Sumner and sons owned a large farm in Camden County. His sons farmed the land. He wore a wooden leg because of an accident when he was a boy. He was a blacksmith and had a shop near his home. People came from miles around to get things fixed. There were three houses on the place.

With the building of the lake, they sold the farm to Union Electric and came to Morgan County in 1930. H.D. and son, Wes, bought a farm in the Ritchie School community. Wes Sumner left the farm and moved to Versailles in 1943. He worked at the Tweedie factory, nine years at Primo Pants Co., and for the Versailles Greenhouse before retiring.

John Wesley Sumner, born 21 Oct. 1897, died 17 Jan. 1978. He married Dora Hankins (22 Sept. 1892-28 June 1973) on 14

Wes and Dora Sumner

June 1916. To this union five children were born: Freda, Loyd, Roy, Josephine and Lucille.

H.D. and Ida Sumner

Freda (1917-1945) married Nelson Wilson on 14 June 1933. Their children are Marie and Naomi. Marie married Melroy Smith and lives in Texas. She has two children, Carmilla and Kim. Carmilla is married to Jim Jessup and has a son and daughter. Naomi married Kenneth Martens and lives in Stover. They have a daughter, Kenda.

Loyd (1920-1978) worked over twenty years at K.C. Bifocal Co. He married Beulah McGinnis (1922-1955) on 24 Jan. 1945. Their children are Denzil, Judy, John and David. Denzil married Juanita Bradshaw and lives on a farm near Versailles. Judy married Kenneth Pace. They have four children: Kimberly, Melissa, Kurt, and Shawn. John married Edna Bauer. They have a son, John Kevin. Other children in the home are Donna, Debbie, Ellen and Alan Bauer. David married Sandra Schlupp.

Roy married Mildred Burnett on 6 Nov. 1945. They have a daughter, Betty Jo, who lives in Kansas City. He is a World War II veteran and is a carpenter.

Josephine married Dorsey Colvin on 5 March 1942. They have four children: James, Linda, Teresa, and Michael. James married Carolyn Cornett and has a daughter, Angela. Linda married Charles A. Chamberlain and had a son, Bradley Steven Chamberlain. She later married Ernest Headley and has a daughter, Carrie. Teresa married Randy Stafford. Michael is a student at Morgan County R-II High School.

Lucille married Ralph Vogt on 22 Dec. 1944. They have two children: Steve and JoAnn. Steve married Brenda Bolton and has a daughter, Melissa. He later married Linda Todd. JoAnn is a student at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.

H.D. Sumner was buried in the Wilson Bend cemetery in Camden County. *Josephine Sumner Collin*

## PAUL TANKERSLEY

Paul and Dorothy Becker Tankersley were married Sept. 9, 1960 in Moniteau County, Mo. Both were born in Moniteau County.

Paul was employed in telephone construction at that time and they lived in Wisconsin and Indiana before returning to Missouri. In 1961 they rented a farm in the area of Glensted, Mo., where they resided until 1964. They moved to the Booth-eel area of Missouri and returned to Morgan County in 1965.

They have two children, Elizabeth Ann, who is a senior in Versailles High School and Jeffrey Edward, who is a sophomore at the school.

They now reside on a farm they own on Rt. 3, Versailles, where they raise beef cattle and both are employed by the National Farmers Organization.

Paul has three brothers and two sisters: John, George, Dale, Sarah Williams and Lynn Beasley. Sarah and George reside in Morgan County. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Tankersley own and operate a farm in Morgan County.

Dorothy's mother, Mrs. Amanda Becker, lives in Morgan County, although she has been a resident of Moniteau County most of her life.

## THOMAS ELISHA TAYLOR

Thomas Elisha Taylor was born near Excelsior, Mo., 14 June 1894 or 96 and died 16 June 1976 at his home in Barnett. He is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery. His grandfather was Elisha Taylor who was born Aug. 1810 in North Carolina and died in Morgan County 7 May 1901. He and his wife Leanna E. Garner came to what is now known as Morgan and Moniteau County as newlyweds in the early 1830's. She was the daughter of John and Susan (Halla?) Garner and was born about 1810 in North Carolina (probably in Randolph County) and died 10 April 1884 near Excelsior, Mo. Her parents moved to Wilson Co., Tenn. about 1816 then to Ill. in 1831. In the fall of 1834 her parents and three of their children died of cholera and are buried near Salem, Ill. Some of the Garner family still live at Salem. Two of her brothers, Valentine and William Garner, settled in Webster County, Mo.

The "History of the Hopewell Church" states that Elisha and his father helped establish this church and that he was superintendent of the Sunday School for fifteen years in succession. Records indicate that John Taylor who died in Morgan County by 1837 and left a son, Jeremiah, was also the father of Whitson B. and Elisha Taylor. Elisha represented Morgan Co. in the Legislature in 1865 to fill out the unexpired term of Representative Wilson and was again elected in 1866 and served the full term.

Elisha and Leanna had ten children: Catherine (b. about 1831) married James Humes; Newton; Martin Vanburn (b. 1 Nov. 1834-d. 22 March 1916) married Mary Ann Keowan; James; Jessie Green (b. 21 Nov. 1839-d. 12 April 1914) who married first to Mary Lunceford and she died in Texas then he married in 1887 Lydia Brickey of Eldon, Mo.; Thomas Benton; Susan A. married Al. D. Berkstresser; Christopher;

Thomas Elisha Taylor and wife, Gladys Kelsay Taylor

and William Monroe was born October 1857 and died 11 Jan. 1925 near Excelsior, Mo. He was a bachelor and lived many places but passed away in the home of Thomas Benton's children. Several of the men fought in the civil war.

Thomas Benton, the father of Thomas Elisha, was born 1843 or 44 in Morgan County and died 9 Dec. 1900 near Excelsior. He was married 23 Jan. 1879 in Moniteau County to Elizabeth Ann Selby who was born 17 Nov. 1859 and died 1 Aug. 1899. She was the daughter of James P. Selby who was born 10 July 1818 in Randolph Co., N. Carolina, and married in Morgan Co. to Elizabeth Ann Foxworthy (b. July 1834 and d. Jan. 1889). Her grandmother was Mary Foxworthy Washam (b. 14 Aug. 1809 and d. 13 Dec. 1887). Thomas and Elizabeth Taylor lived on a farm east of Excelsior and their children were born there. The children were: Herbert Newton (b. 27 Nov. 1879-d. 21 Feb. 1940) married Nellie E. Kyle and after their first child was born they moved to Kansas City, Mo.; Bertha Ladean (b. 29 July 1881-d. Oct. 1967); Cora Ann (b. 16 Sept. 1883-d. 8 Dec. 1960); Wm. Arthur (b. 31 March 1885-d. 12 Nov. 1937 at Santa Monica, Calif.) was married to Irene Heldman; Walter (b. 10 Jan. 1887) was married to Mary and passed away in California but had lived in Oklahoma at one time; Ora McKinley (b. 10 Oct. 1891-d. 23 Dec. 1972 in Corona, California) was married to Floy Phillips and they lived at Barnett, Oklahoma and California; Carlus Benton (b. 10 June 1897-d. ) married first Vivian Henderson and second Lillie and is buried at Oakland, California. Their parents passed away when the children were small but they managed to stay together on the farm.

Thomas Elisha Taylor married Gladys Ladean Kelsay 7 Jan. 1923. She was born 28 March 1907 on the farm that the Kelsay family established when they first came to Morgan County. A few years after they were married they moved to Barnett where she still lives. Their children are: Thomas Benton married June Laubaugh and they live at Barnett; Erma Ladean married Donald C. Rains and they live at Gallatin, Mo.; Carl Herbert married Lois Dean Weaver and they live at Sedalia, Mo.; Evelyn Irene married Roy Eugene Bellamy and she lives at Raytown, Mo.; Carol Sue married Roger D. Enloe and lives at Eldon; Myron Leamon is single and teaches at the state university at Springfield, Mo.; Elizabeth Ann married F. Glenn Edwards and lives at Clinton, Mo. and the twins — Mary Arlene married James R. Jones and lives at Eldon and Martha Darlene married Ronald R. Stover and she lives at Independence, Mo.

Gladys Ladean (Kelsay) Taylor was the daughter of Hugh Denver Kelsay (b. 22 Oct. 1880-d. 6 June 1940) who married Gertrude Irene Tompkins (b. 6 Oct. 1883-d. 12 Jan. 1969.) They had the following children: Charles Sidney, born 12 Sept. 1905 and died in 1964 in St. Louis, married first Lillian Beard and second May Schad; Gladys Ladean Taylor whose family is listed above; Hazel Fern (b. 19 August 1908) married Russell Bennett; Carrie Myrtle (b. 28 June 1910) married Linzie Lemone Bennett; Ruby Marie (b. 20 Nov. 1911) married Truman Walker and lives in St. Louis, Mo.; and Bessie Lorene (b. 4 Jan. 1919) married Everett Howser.

Gladys Kelsay Taylor is a descendant of James Kelsay who helped to establish Hopewell Church. This Kelsay family came to Morgan County about 1825. (See the Kelsay History written by Carl Kelsay.) She is also a descendant of the following: Charles Parks Tompkins (b. 14 Oct. 1821-d. 26 April 1905), Wm. Wallace Grinstead (b. Aug. 1842-d. 21 Sept. 1871), Henry and Rebecca (Zoll) Stowers, Wm. H. and Elizabeth (McCoy) Grinstead, and James and Flora (Erskine) Smith. James Smith fought in the Revolutionary War and probably there were others of our ancestors that did.

## DAVID H. TELLMAN

David Harold Tellman was born 12 Nov. 1937 to Harold Francis and Irene Moda Fulford Tellman in Mary's Home, Mo. He has one sister, Joyce Hunt and one brother, Frederick Tellman, both living in Arizona.

Dave has been employed by Tweedie's Footwear, Jefferson City, Schulte Electric, Eldon, Mo. and Meyer Electric in Jefferson City.

He was married 28 Dec. 1968 to Margaret McBroom of Eldon, Mo. They have a daughter, Anna Marie, born 7 June 1971.

In May 1971 they moved to Versailles, Mo. and formed Tellman Electric Constracting Co. The business was moved to Laurie, Mo. in August 1977 where they now reside.

## THOMPSON M. THIXTON

Thompson M. Thixton was a son of James D. (born January 18, 1806 died May 13, 1871) and Eliza Thixton (born April 1, 1804 and died December 21, 1865). James Thixton came by wagon train from Louisville, Kentucky and bought a farm southeast of Fortuna.

Thompson Thixton was born southeast of Fortuna, Mo. July 17, 1840 and was married to Amanda Cathrine Drake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Drake June 6, 1867. She was born June 10, 1844 and died January 15, 1913. After their marriage, he built a home of his own a short distance from the old homestead. His entire life was spent in farming in Missouri — only a short time during the Civil War he was in Kentucky. He served in the Home Guard Militia a part of the time during the Civil War. The company was stationed at Tipton, Moniteau County, Missouri. He died January 15, 1917 and he and his wife and parents are buried in the Thixton cemetery southeast of Fortuna.

Their children were: Rosa Mae — born February 3, 1869, married Will Rodner; Della Forest — born April 7, 1870, married Ephram Brownfield; Florence D. — born July 12, 1873, died July 7, 1874; Frank Blair — born February 10, 1875, died August 11, 1950; Nellie Frances — born May 11, 1876, married Charles W. Wright; Harvey Thompson — born April 11, 18? married Elsie Purnell; Harry Everett — born December 31, 1885 married Geneva Tankersley.

Nellie Frances Thixton was born southeast of Fortuna, Moniteau County, Missouri, May 11, 1876. She married Charles W. Wright, son of William Ellison and Anna Mary Fieandt Wright on April 2, 1905. She died April 10, 1919. He died June 10, 1948. Their children are Hazel Irene, born May 6, 1908, married to Hiram Edward Shepp, and Lillian Faye, born January 7, 1910, married to Zora Charles, both born at Stover and now living in the Versailles area.

The children of Hazel and Hiram Shepp (married November 15, 1924) are Nell Nora and Hiram Wilbert of the Versailles area, Janet, who now lives in Liberty, Missouri and Sally Jo now living in Overland Park, Kansas. Nell Nora married Charles F. Draffen and they have two sons, Kenneth (married to Beth Knipp) and John Edward. Hiram Wilbert married Joan Nolting and they have three children, Robert, Sandra

and Connie. Janet married Michael Chase and they have two daughters Jolie and Becky. Sally Jo married Bob Jones, II and they have two sons, Robert III and Shawn.

The children of Faye and Zora Charles (married August 5, 1925) are twin sons Ned and Ted, living in the Kansas City area, Dixie of Barnett and Don David now living in Joplin. Ned married Lois Petree and they have two sons, Ricky (married to Pam Lay) and Randy. Ted married Irene Kuhlmann and they have four children; Michelle, Charene (married to Rex Jones), David and Craig. Dixie married James Lake and they have three children; Carla (married Lyle Cunningham and they have a son, Curtis James), Scott (married Carolyn Burke) and Mark. Don David married Roselle Hofstetter and they have two children: Dawn Renee and Jeffrey. *Joan E. Shepp*

## ROBERT ANDERSON THOMAS

Robert Anderson Thomas was born in Patrick County, Va. in 1817, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Mills) Thomas. He had a twin brother, Augustine (Austin B.) and an older brother, Joseph W.

John W. Thomas

His father died about 1819 and his mother married John Abington in 1820. His grandfather, Augustine, married Deborah Fulkerson in 1778, owned many acres of land and slaves. He willed the boys their father's share of property to be sold and divided when they were of age.

Robert married Eliza Jane Ivie, daughter of John W. and Susannah (Wells) Ivie in 1843. There were seven children born before they left Virginia. Susan, born 1844, married Wm. Langford; Nancy, born 1846, married Willy Cooper; Mary, born 1848, married George Bailey; John W., born 1850, married Sarah E. Padgett; Sarah, born 1852, married Joseph Bowers; Donna, born 1854, married Walter Anderson; and Lucy, born 1865, married Wm. F. Hutchison.

He lost an eye while whittling and did not go into service in the war as his brothers did, but there were no tobacco slips to plant or workers to till the land, so he joined his neighbors going to Missouri in a wagon train. It was a difficult journey and they spent the winter in Illinois, before Eliza was able to travel again.

They arrived in Morgan County, Mo. about 1870 and settled near Gladstone. Their graves were moved, when the Lake of the Ozarks was formed, to Union Cemetery.

The son, John W., was a butcher and moved his family to Rich Hill, Mo. about 1885 or 1889. But, all his children except the last were born in Versailles.

William A., born 1876, Agnes, born 1878, Daisy, born 1880, John, born 1882 and Tyson, born 1891.

## JOH THOFS (THOSS)

Joh Thofs (later anglicized to "John Thoss") was born in Germany on Dec. 26, 1808. He married Mary Catherine Axmaker, who also was born in Germany, on Feb. 21, 1811. In 1842, the Thoss's and their young daughter, Wilhelmina, landed in New York.

Wilhelmina was three months old when the family left Germany. The voyage aboard a sailing ship took four months, with a short stopover in Holland. John's mother and brother accompanied them. The family came on to Missouri, via the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and landed at Boonville. While at Boonville, John Thoss met Green Porter, who had charge of the U.S. Post Office and the Butterfield stage stop at Wheatland, about two miles west of Fortuna, in Morgan County.

Porter told Thoss about 120 acres southeast of Wheatland which could be bought from the government for $1.25 per acre. Thoss bought the land and moved to the farm, which today is owned by his great-grandsons, Claud W. and John E. Woolery, and great-great-grandsons, Marvin and Phillip Woolery.

After coming to Missouri, John and Mary Thoss became parents of three other children: Adaline, born in 1844; Emeline, born in 1846; and Henry, born in 1849. Mary C. Thoss died May 13, 1890; John Thoss died April 29, 1896. Both are buried at Rock Spring Cemetery.

John Thoss' eldest daughter, Wilhelmina was visiting at Washington, Mo., when she met Fredrick William (Wilhelm) Thormann. William had served in the German army before he and his brother came to the U.S. A few years after William arrived, the Civil War broke out in this country. He joined the Union Army, in Company G, 17th Missouri Infantry Regiment. Thormann served four years in the army, and made the march to the sea with Gen. William T. Sherman.

William Thormann and Wilhelmina Thoss were married Sept. 5, 1866, and lived for a time at Washington, Mo. At the urging of her parents, they moved to the family farm in Morgan County; her mother was going blind from cataracts. William and Wilhelmina became parents of nine children: Carl Henry, John Andrew, Christopher Amandus, Mary Charlotte, Emma Fannie, Walter Luis, Hanna Sophia, William Peter and Sara Wilhelmina. William Thormann died Sept. 20, 1886. Wilhelmina Thoss Thormann died May 13, 1926.

The fifth child of William and Wilhelmina, Emma Fannie, married James Woolery Oct. 4, 1909. They had three children: Zelma M., Claud W. and John E.

Zelma, born Dec. 16, 1910, married Gilbert W. Sims. Their daughter, Sharon Marie, is married to Larry Henderson, of Versailles. After the death of Gilbert Sims in 1955, Zelma married Isaac C. Dilks.

Claud W. Woolery, born Oct. 27, 1913, married Isabelle Sanders. They had seven children: Emma Joan, Lois Jean, Marvin William, Betty Mae, Phillip John, Walter Lee and Caroline Sue.

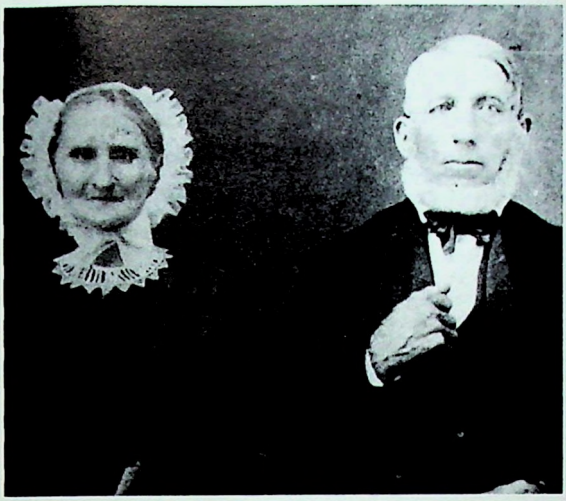
John E. Woolery, born July 21, 1916, married Aldena Frazier. Their sons are Darrell LeRoy and Galen Kent. *Submitted by John E. Woolery*

## JOHN THOSS

John Thoss, born Dec. 26, 1808, in Koblenz, Germany, died Apr. 29, 1890 near Fortuna, Mo. He married Mary Lammert, b. Feb. 2, 1811, in Germany, d. May 13, 1890 near Fortuna. Both are buried in Rock Springs Cemetery near Fortuna. To this union, while still living in Germany, three children were born, Wilhelmine and twins, who died enroute to America and were buried in the English Channel.

It is not known when they landed in America, but they traveled down the Ohio River to the Mississippi, then to St. Louis to the Missouri River.

They settled on a farm near Fortuna, where three more children, Emmeline, Elenor and Henry, were born. A brother,



John and Mary (Lammert) Thoss

Henry Thoss, and a sister, Kate Thoss Lear accompanied them from Germany.

Henry Thoss, b. Sept. 15, 1849-d. Feb. 20, 1920, married Frances Ann Painter in 1868. Both buried in Moreau Cemetery. Their children were Emma (Egan Reifsteck), Kathryn (Steinkraus), Alma (Turner), John Will, Mary (Boyce), Harriett, Frank and Gussie (Reifsteck).

John Will Thoss married Myrtle Pearl Davis at Glensted Church in 1898 (buried in Glensted Cemetery). Their children were Wray, Nadine (Meredith), Susie (Woolery), Charles, Monte, Edith (died in infancy), and Velma.

In 1905 John and Myrtle moved to a farm in Miller County, Mo. near Iberia. In 1919 they returned to Morgan County to the old Thoss place near Fortuna. Charles, Monte and Velma returned with them. Wray was attending Iberia academy and Nadine (Meredith) and Susie (Woolery) remained.

Frank Thoss married Mabel Drake and farmed in Morgan county near Fortuna, later moving into Fortuna where Mabel still lives. They had two sons, Wayne Thoss and Preston Thoss, both of Texas, a daughter, Wanda (Wood), Kansas City, Kans.

Wray Thoss, (1899-1969) married Edith Hays, 1929, and lived in Chicago, Ill. until 1964, retired and moved to Versailles, Mo. One son, John, b. 1930, lives in California. John has three children, Meri (Bullock), and two sons, David and Mark Thoss of Geneva, Ill.

Charles Thoss (1906-1970) married Goldia Akin (1927). He taught rural school in Morgan County 16 years and science and math in high school in St. Louis area for 27 years, retiring in 1970. They had a daughter, Joan (Stoyanoff) living in Florida, who has a son, James (1956).

Monte Thoss (1909-1967) married Flossie Truitt in 1931 and farmed in Morgan County until 1967 when they moved into Versailles, where Flossie resides.

Their children are Jean (Osborn), 1932 (two sons, Stephen and Jeffrey), live in Kansas City; Minnie (1935) of Versailles; Jo Letchworth (1937) two sons, Michael and David, a daughter, Susan; Kathryn (Burke), 1943, six children, Carolyn, Donna, David, Tanya, Sonja, Daryl, Jo and Kathryn live on farms near Versailles.

Velma Thoss (1913) has worked in Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital since 1936 as an X-ray technician. Will retire soon and move back to Versailles. *by Mrs. Wray Thoss*

## R.G. THOMPSON

When we moved to Versailles in the fall of 1977 our children came home from school saying, "Mom, you must be kin to half of Morgan County". Our children are Brent Gerald born 1958, John Clendon b. 1960, Greta Louise b. 1966, and Sallianne b. 1969.

R.G.'s ancestors were early Moniteau Co. settlers and to our knowledge he is the first to venture into Morgan Co.

Wanda's father was Coy Baquet whose parents were George and Martha McCollom Baquet. Glenn, who married Ethel Polly, and Poe, who married Carl Wilson, were his brother and sister. The first Baquet in the United States was Cicero, born 1828 in Alsace-Lorraine, France. Margaret Wickless was on the same ship. The boiler blew up near the port in New Orleans scalding and killing close family members of each of them. Margaret and Cicero were married May 30, 1853, in St. Louis. They had a large family which scattered as far as Kans., Nebr., Mont., Calif. and Utah. George was the only one to settle in Morgan Co.

Wanda's mother, Edna Kennedy Baquet, was the youngest of a dozen. Her father was Samuel James Kennedy. His father, William Andrew, was born in Ireland. His mother, Martha Conner, daughter of Elizabeth and Allen had seven brothers and sisters listed in the 1850 Moniteau Co. census. Many of them settled in Morgan Co. making us "shirt tail" kin to several local families. Edna's mother was Susan Melvina Hibdon, daughter of Martha Phillips and Thomas M. Hibdon. Susan's brothers and sisters were George, William, Edward, Jerusha, Iana and Ellah, and a half brother, Fred.

Edna's half-sisters were Sarah Jane married James Raines, Roxie Ellen m. William Chamberlain, Maudie Belle m. William Dunnaway. Full brothers and sisters: Effie m. Hurley Fletcher, Carrie Perneice m. Jessee Chamberlain, Maggie Ianna m. William Finley, James Martin m. Mabel Landrum, Ora Pearl m. Ross Parrish, John William m. Sophia Freeland, Milburn Bennett m. Isa Drake, Edward R. m. Mary Riley.

The children of Edna and Coy were: Paul Cicero, killed in Germany, April 16, 1945, Calvin Dwight m. Wilma Wyss, Clyde Russell m. Virginia Vernon, Evelyn Fern m. Edward Vernon, Wanda Jane m. R.G. Thompson, Jr. Melva Elizabeth m. G. Eugene Isaak.

In the 1950's Coy, Edna, Dwight, Russell, Evelyn, and Elizabeth moved to Arizona. *by R.G. Thompson*

## FRANK C. THORPE

Frank C. Thorpe arrived in Versailles, Missouri in 1897 having purchased a local hardware store from a Mr. Hardy.

Mr. Thorpe was born in Shell Rock, Iowa on December 3, 1866. He was the oldest son of Washington and Mary Jane Thorpe. He had three brothers, Roy, Ezra and Ray and one sister, Leta. At an early age he was apprenticed to an uncle, Lou Norris, in Crete, Nebraska where he learned the hardware business.

While in Crete, Nebraska he met Anna R. McPeake and they were married on March 27, 1889. They had three daughters, Harriet, Olive and Frances.

Mr. Thorpe opened his first hardware store in Wauneta, Nebraska, where he also served as postmaster.

In March of 1897, he larned of a hardware store in Versailles, Missouri that was for sale. After purchasing this, he and his family and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. McPeake moved to Versailles where he established a business which remained in the family for 44 years.

He was joined in the early years of the hardware business by his brothers, Roy and Ezra Thorpe. They formed a partnership and called the business "Thorpe Brothers Hardware". At this time the business was expanded to include windmills, implements and farm machinery.

After a few years Ezra Thorpe moved back to Iowa and Frank and Roy bought out his interest. The business continued under the name "Thorpe Brothers Hardware".

Frank C. Thorpe - 1917

Mrs. Anna Thorpe died of pneumonia in April 1900 at the age of 33, leaving her husband, Frank, their three daughters and her parents. Mrs. McPeake died shortly after the death of her daughter. Mr. Thorpe's sister, Leta Whitehead, and her daughter, Hazel, came to Versailles to help Mr. Thorpe care for his three daughters.

In 1904 Frank Thorpe married Laura Decker, who was a teacher in the Versailles School System. At this time Mrs. Whitehead and Hazel returned to Shell Rock, Iowa.

Frank and Roy Thorpe ran the business together until Roy's death in 1923, then Frank bought Roy's share from his widow, Alma Biersach Thorpe and changed the name of the business to "F.C. Thorpe Hardware".

Frank's three daughters all graduated from Versailles High School. Harriet married Leo A. Snyder. They had three children, John Thorpe, Robert and Marjory Mae. Mrs. Snyder now resides in Merriam, Kansas. Olive married Willard N. Greim. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Ann. Mrs. Greim passed away in 1976. Frances married Dr. Marion S. Otten. They had one daughter, Laura Kathryn. Mrs. Otten lives in Versailles, Missouri.

Laura Decker Thorpe died as a result of an automobile accident in July 1927. After her death, Dr. and Mrs. Otten and Laura Kathryn moved into the Thorpe home to be with Mrs. Otten's father.

In 1929, Mr. Thorpe married an old family friend, Pink Gilbert, from Moniteau County.

Frank continued to operate the hardware store until his death on December 22, 1939. Mrs. Pink Thorpe remained in the Thorpe home located at the corner of Green and Cherry until her death on April 23, 1964.

Mrs. Frances Thorpe Otten, after her father's death, ran the F.C. Thorpe Hardware store until she sold it to Joe Goshen on December 6, 1941, the day before Pearl Harbor. Mr. Goshen then changed the name to "Versailles Hardware"

During his many years in Versailles Mr. Thorpe was a staunch Democrat, a Mason, a faithful Methodist, and a life member of the American Red Cross. He was elected and served a term as President of the Missouri Retail Hardware Association in 1917. For many years he served as fire chief for the Versailles Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to running the hardware store, Frank was also a tinner, a plumber, an implement dealer and sold coal and bulk oil.

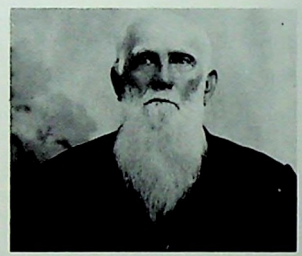
As a tinner, Frank and his helpers, Julius and George Koelting, put a metal roof on the Morgan County Courthouse — recently replaced after many years of service. This was done with only a fire pot and soldering irons. They also made galvanized iron boxes to cover caskets. After the services at the cemetery were concluded, Mr. Thorpe soldered the lid to the box, making it waterpoof.

For many years the Thorpe Brothers Hardware sponsored a 4th of July celebration for the town on the lot where the old water tower is now located — across from the Thorpe home. Frank and Roy Thorpe and John Bolton shot off the fireworks.

Mr. Thorpe is survived today by his daughters, Harriet Snyder and Frances E. Otten, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. *by Frances E. Otten*

## STREET THURSTON

In 1833, at the age of 55, Street Thurston had sold his vast land holdings in Greenville, S.C. and moved his family to Missouri. He brought with him his nine children by his first wife, Lettie Gowan who died prior to his departure. Street had lived his early life in South Carolina and was the son of William and Rebecca P. Thurston. William Thurston was born in 1753 and was a Revolutionary War soldier.



John Beverly Thruston

Street had four brothers: John P., William Jr., Richard, and Beverly. All of his brothers followed him to Missouri with their families except for Richard. Richard was the Postmaster of Greenville, South Carolina, and was a Lieutenant in the War of 1812. His descendants still live primarily in the Greenville, South Carolina area.

Prior to leaving South Carolina the Thurstons were all members of the Baptist faith as were their parents.

One of the first records of Street family's arrival was when they joined the Big Rock Baptist Church in Boonville, Mo. Later this church moved — as did the Thurstons to Versailles, Mo.

Street had married again to Sarah Gradick just prior to his departure to Missouri and they had six children.

The reason for his family's move to Missouri is unknown except Misouri was a new adventure and land grants were available. Street was a farmer by occupation.

Street was appointed by the first County Court of Versailles to locate a County seat. He recommended the present site where Versailles presently stands which was ordered in 1835.

Dr. John Beverly Thurston was the third child of Street and his first wife. Dr. J.B. served as one of Versailles' first medical doctors. He was a well respected leader of the community and a leader of the Methodist Church. He treated his patients in the neighboring towns and county and traveled by horseback. He was a tall man of commanding presence and intellect. He was credited with helping save Versailles from destruction during the Civil War. On July 14, 1927, a full-page article and picture of him appeared in the Versailles "Statesman".

Henry Clay Thurston was the first son of Street and his second wife. Henry served honorably in the Civil War. He was

7"-7½" tall. There are many interesting stories of Henry's service in the War. When he died in Texas they had to leave the rear door of the hearse open as Henry's casket would not allow it to close!

Street's and his brothers' descendants are scattered all across the United States today. *Gordon Thurston*

## NATHANIEL TILDEN

Nathaniel and Thomas Tilden, brothers, came to America on the "goode ship Ann" about 1623 and secured "lots" at a place called Scituate in Massachusetts. They later returned to England. Records have not been found showing that Thomas returned to America, but in 1634 Nathaniel brought his wife, their seven children and seven servants on the "Hercules", which he and two friends had purchased for this expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tilden on honeymoon

Nathaniel died in 1641. His descendants remained mostly in the Massachusetts area until 1836, when John Tilden (eighth generation in America) joined a dry goods firm in St. Louis, Mo. with two of his brothers-in-law. This firm then became known as Davis, Tilden and Richards. John was born in 1810 in Boston. He was married twice, to sisters, and both wives died. On April 10, 1846 John Tilden married, for the third time, Maria Louise Mayes, daughter of Branch Vines and Hannah (Cooper) Smith Mayes of St. Joseph, Mo. John and Maria Louise Tilden had seven children.

Thomas, their only male child to have issue, was born in St. Louis in 1850. When a young man he purchased land about two miles from Syracuse, Mo., and named it "Normandie Farm". There he built a magnificient barn, costing over $10,-000 — a goodly sum in those days. It was octagon in shape and 100 feet high, with mahogany woodwork throughout. According to newspaper reports, it was the largest barn in Missouri, third largest in the United States and the sixth largest in the world, at that time. It was built and finished as a fine home would be, being completed in 1885.

On May 18, 1886, Thomas Tilden and Charlotte "Lottie" Arnold were married. She was the youngest of eight children of Thomas and Mary Arnold — (see Thomas Arnold history).

Thomas and Lottie Tilden had six children, all born at "Normandie Farm", namely: Stephen, Lawrence, Charlotte, Thomas Jr., John and William.

The Tilden barn burned in 1896. Its contents consisting of 75 tons baled hay, four blooded horses, two fine cows, 6000 bushels oats, 500 bushels corn, one carriage, a buggy, all of the harness and a lot of farming implements. This loss was close to $20,000, with small insurance. Becoming somewhat depressed over this tragedy, Thomas decided to sell "Normandie Farm" and move his family to Florida. He had an architect draw plans for a new home. Their furniture, some livestock and other belongings were loaded into a freight car, and on Oct. 16, 1901 the family arrived at Florahome, Fla. The nameplate from the Morgan County home was secured to the new home — "Normandie Farm".

The Thomas Tilden Barn

Thomas Tilden died in 1906 at the Florida home. Stephen the eldest child, died in 1910, unmarried.

Thomas Jr., married Mariam Comas in 1912 and had one daughter. Thomas remained mostly at "Normandie Farm" until his death in 1967.

John, William, Lawrence and Charlotte returned to Missouri with their mother, and graduated from Sedalia High School. Lawrence died in 1927.

John attended Missouri University, served in World War I, returned to Florida and married Josephine Sipperell. They had one son, John, who served in World War II and Korea. John Sr. was an attorney in Orlando, Fla. until his retirement. He died there in 1973.

Charlotte attended Missouri University, married and had two children. She died in Sedalia in 1944. Charlotte (Arnold) Tilden, the mother, died in Sedalia in 1947.

William served in World War I. In 1921 he married Josephine Huff of Sedalia. They had four children, all born in St. Louis. He attended Washington University School of Architecture in St. Louis. William Tilden died in Miami, Fla. in 1972, on his 51st wedding anniversary.

This Tilden line has been traced directly to Henr' de Tildenn, born 1234 in Kent County, England. *by Josephine (Huff) Tilden*

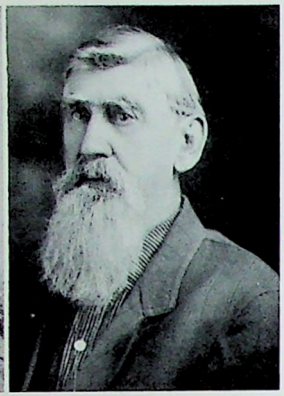
## CYRUS BRIDGES TODD

Cyrus Bridges Todd was born Feb. 14, 1846 in Morgan County, Mo. the son of Abiah Paric Todd and Mary Ann Bridges. Abiah was the son of Davis Todd.

Cyrus Todd was raised at Fayette, Mo., in Morgan County at that time. At about the age of 15 years he left home and joined the Confederate Army. During the course of the war he was wounded and taken prisoner. He carried a musket ball in his right lung as long as he lived and died at Perdue, Douglas County, Oregon in 1922.

After the Civil War was over he did not return home but went to Branham then to Lampassas, Texas where he married Mary C. Anderson. They had one child, Florence Anna Todd, born in Berleson County, Texas. Florence homesteaded near

Cyrus Bridges Todd, as a young man



Cyrus Bridges Todd - 1915

Guyman, Okla. and in 1908 married Jacob Samuel Smith, a native of Saline county, Mo. at Altus, Okla.

There were three children and the family, including grandparents and a foster child, Minnie Thompson, moved to Douglas County, Oregon in 1914. *John B. Smith, son of Jacob Samuel Smith*

## JAMES G. TODD

On a blustery cold January 16, 1905, rural free mail delivery was begun for those families living in the area north of Versailles along and adjacent to the Versailles to Glensted road. The first carrier on this route was James G. Todd, member of a pioneer Morgan County family. He began carrying the mail in a horse drawn hack. Finally in 1912 he began using a Ford touring car when road conditions permitted. Poor health caused by continual exposure to bad weather forced Mr. Todd to resign from his route in 1914.

James G. Todd ready for mail delivery 1905

His grandfather Jonathan C. Todd and his wife Permalia Collins Todd came to Morgan County from Howard County, Mo. in 1836, and settled near Akinsville. Later they moved to a farm on the Versailles to Glensted road two and a half miles north of Versailles. Jonathan Todd, who was elected Probate Judge of Morgan County in 1875, was married three times and had three sets of children.

Among the nine children of the first marriage was Thomas Newton Todd, who married Betty Lyles. On March 21, 1882, James Garland was the first of three sons born to Thomas N. and Betty Todd, who lived on a farm located on Moreau creek two and a half miles northwest of Versailles. His brothers were John W. Todd, 1885, and Brooks Todd, 1890. All three sons lived their lives in Morgan County.

James attended a rural school and Central Business College in Sedalia, Mo. In 1901 he became the first teacher of the newly formed Ball district, about three and a half miles northwest of Versailles. In 1907 his wife was to teach at Ball school, and later in 1937 his daughter Dorothy was to begin her teaching career in the same school.

John W. Todd and wife, Bertha (Sims) Todd

He was married March 31, 1907, to Cora Adelia Temme, who was born in St. Louis, Oct. 21, 1881, and came to live on a farm in the Excelsior community with her parents in 1883.

Mrs. Cora Todd taught in Morgan County schools eight years. After their marriage the Todds moved to a farm on the Versailles to Glensted road two miles north of Versailles, where they operated a dairy, milking over twenty Jersey cows and delivering milk and cream daily in Versailles. They continued living on the same farm the rest of their lives. Mrs. Todd died Oct. 18, 1947, and Mr. Todd May 15, 1958. They are buried in Freedom Cemetery.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Thelma Louise Dec. 24, 1911, and Dorothy Ruth Feb. 18, 1918.

Thelma attended Walnut Grove school where her mother had taught and where she was later to teach. She graduated from CMSU and taught eight years in Morgan County rural schools. She retired in 1977 after teaching thirteen years in the Morgan County R 2 school system. Thelma was married to Barton Marriott Apr. 25, 1941, and they now live in a house across the road from where she was born. They are the parents of five children, who were all born in Morgan County.

Ronald Lee Marriott, April 6, 1942, who married Lois Avey is a supervisor for Dillon Stores. They and their children Scott and Andrea live in Springfield, Mo.

Donna May, Mar. 24, 1945, is married to James Kennard, manager of a Georgia-Pacific Plywood store. They and their children Alicia and Christopher also live in Springfield, Mo.

Garland Warren, Jun. 1, 1946, married Cynthia Buchanan. They and their children Brent and Jeff live in Kansas City, Mo., where he is an Exploring Director of the Boy Scouts of America.

David Gene, Aug. 13, 1951, married Gay Jones. With their children Jennifer and Josia they live in the original house on the James Todd farm. David farms and works for the MFA.

Sue Carolyn, May 24, 1957, majored in speech pathology and is married to Doug Berger. They live in Salem, Mo., where Doug is on the staff of the Salem News and Sue teaches.

Dorothy, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Todd, married Leonard Hampton of Sedalia, Mo., May 21, 1939. Dorothy graduated from CMSU and taught her first three years in Morgan County. She and her husband have lived in Clinton, Mo., twenty years. Dorothy retired in 1978 after teaching thirty years. Leonard retired after teaching thirty seven years, the first seven in Morgan County high schools.

They have two children, who were both born in Morgan County, Elizabeth Joanne, Jan. 7, 1943, and Richard Todd, Mar. 22, 1945.

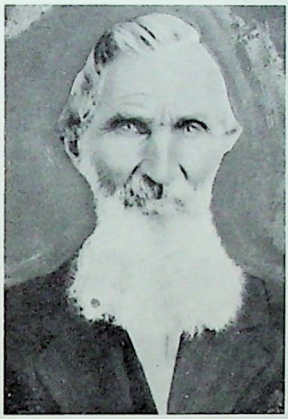
Joanne is married to David M. Guibert, vice president of Alex Colman Co., Los Angeles. They and their son Jason live in Granada Hills, Ca.

Richard Hampton is a teacher and head track coach at the School of the Osage, Lake Ozark, Mo.

The James G. Todd family was a family of teachers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Todd taught, both their daughters taught, Dorothy's husband taught, and grandchildren who have taught or are still teaching are Joanne Guibert, Richard Hampton, Donna May Kennard, and Sue Berger. *Submitted by Mrs. Dorothy Hampton*

## JONATHAN CROSE TODD

The family line of Thomas Todd finds Jonathan Crose Todd coming to Morgan Co. as a young man. He was born 22 Sept. 1815 at Ft. Hempstead near Old Franklin, Howard Co., Mo. He was the 4th son of Davis and Rebeccah (Burgin) Todd, who were married 9 Aug. 1809 in Madison Co., Ky.



Jonathan Crose Todd

Jonathan Todd, uncle of Jonathan Crose was one of the first white men killed by Indians in "Boone's Lick Country" early in the spring of 1812 not far from the present Howard-Boone Co. line. Jonathan Crose's great grandfather, Thomas, had emigrated early in the 18th century from England to Pa. Joseph, Jonathan Crose's grandfather, was born in Pa. and lived in Rowan Co. N.C. His wife was Ann Crose.

Jonathan Crose had nine brothers and sisters: Dennis Burgin, Joseph, Christopher, Isaac Columbus, Davis Perry, Ignacious Owen, Jasper, Ira and Thomas Newton.

As a young man, Jonathan Crose taught school, sawed wood and worked with a cooper. He bought several parcels of land in Morgan Co.

Jonathan Crose married three times. He married his first wife, Permelia on 1 Jan. 1838. She was the daughter of Garland and Elizabeth Collins of Howard Co. Jonathan Crose and Permelia had 9 children: Rebecca Ann, Davis, James Garland, John Turner, Ira Lovett, Nancy E., Thomas Newton, Laura and Susan Alice. Sarah A. Estes was the second wife of Jonathan Crose and the third wife was Lucy Ellen Jobe.

Jonathan Crose served as Probate Judge for Morgan Co. for 6 years and Public Administrator for 6 years. A place known as Todd, about 15 miles southwest of Versailles, was named for its first postmaster, Jonathan Todd. John Turner Todd served as postmaster there also.

James Garland's wife, Elizabeth Hawks was the daughter of Martin and Sarah Jane (Estes) Hawks. They were married 21 Oct. 1869 and were the parents of Addie Jane who married George W. Marple, Robert Lee married Virginia Ann "Vergie" Cooper, Edgar D. who married Lillian Oxford and Florence Susan married Thomas Benton Hughes.

Robert Lee and "Vergie" had four daughters. Two of these, Gertrude (Todd) Lee and Doris ( Todd) Sims live at Versailles. Jonathan Crose's farm about 3 miles north of Versailles is presently owned by Doris Todd Sims, his great granddaughter. Some of the land where Doris resides was owned by the Todd family for many years.

The following is a picture of Jonathan Crose Todd taken in his later years.

## WARREN B. TODD

Warren B. Todd was born five miles north of Versailles on Aug. 25, 1878, son of Judge Jonathan Crose Todd and Lucy Ellen Alverson Jobe Todd.

Warren B. Todd

Maude Todd

After the death of Judge Todd, Mrs. Todd moved to Versailles with her twin sons, Warren B. and William P. She was said to be an excellent seamstress, making suits and coats for businessmen of Versailles.

Warren B. Todd and his brother, L.L. Jobe, clerked in the J.T. Washburn store at the corner of North Fisher and East Newton streets in Versailles. He also worked in the Biersach store, A. Popper's store (that stood on North Fisher street, present site of Shryack-Givens Wholesale) and the John W. Knoop store. He was in business with Frank A. Bremer in the Bremer & Todd Store for fifteen years. That business was sold in 1929. Later he bought Gabriel's Variety Store, which he sold in the 1930's.

Warren B. Todd married Maude Spiedel, daughter of Martin and Berniece Spiedel of Versailles who died Sept. 24, 1958. They had no children but reared an adopted son, Floyd Todd, in their home.

Warren Todd was a 32nd degree Mason, served as secretary of Versailles Lodge 320 A.F.&A.M. for many years and was an active member of the Versailles Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd lived their entire married life at their home on East Jasper street, one block from the courthouse square. Making their home with them in their later years were her mother, Mrs. Berniece Spiedel, her sister, Miss Blanche Spiedel, and a good friend of the family, Mrs. Etta Bohling.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd are buried in the Versailles Cemetery. He died Feb. 25, 1961. Mrs. Todd died Sept. 24, 1958.

## JAMES K. TOMPKINS

James K. Tompkins and his wife, Elizabeth B. Grindstead, came to Missouri by covered wagon from Virginia in the early 1800's. To this union were born four children, Gertie, Carrie (my mother), Charley and Francis Marion (Bunk).

They cleared a piece of land about 2½ miles from Hopewell School and Church and built a log cabin. In later years they enlarged it and made it a regular house. I remember clearly that grandma would let me drive nails into the ground, then when grandpa came home he didn't like that idea and we would just pull them up and do the same thing again next day.

Oscar and Carrie Weaver — Wedding picture

They didn't have very much of this world's goods. Mother said they only had one good outfit of clothes and they had to wash them at night and wear them again next day. They only had one pair of shoes and when they walked 2½ miles to school they went barefoot to save the shoes putting them on just before they got to school or church.

My sister, Grace, married John B. Ratcliff, who has been a cabinet maker in Kansas City for many years. They have four children, John, Jr., Jim, Sam and Dick.

My brother, Ansel, married Genevieve Vernon of Eldon and they have one daughter, Linda. Ansel runs a rental house business in Ft. Smith, Ark. I (Dora) married Elmer E. Archer from Iola, Kans., who taught for two years in Versailles High School, 1925-26. I attended Versailles High School my last two years, met and married my teacher.

Elmer E. worked in the Versailles Post Office for sixteen years, then transferred to a rural route. He was in the postal service a total of 42 years.

We had four children, Virginia Mae, who married Carl A. Guenther of Versailles and they have four children, Cathy, Bill, Patty and Reed.

Robert Eugene married, Terry Emond of Worcester, Mass. Their children are Beth, Bobby, Mark, Ellen, Paul and John.

Jo Ann married Tom Foster of Kansas City. Their children are Tom, Jr., Chuck, Leesa, Joe and Jeff.

David married Ruth Bobek of Caldwell, Kans. They have an adopted son, Matthew.

I have 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elmer E. Archer and I were married 42 years. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack Dec. 15, 1967.

## MAE HUBBARD TRUITT

Mae Hubbard was married on Aug. 16, 1922, to "Charles" Allen Truitt, who was born Feb. 11, 1884, at Novinger, Mo. Charles Truitt had three sons and one daughter by a previous marriage to Minnie Darr. His children were: George A., Alva L., Orien A. and Flossie, who married Montie Thoss.

Charles and Mae Truitt lived on a farm between Glensted and Akinsville. Both were members of the Glensted Methodist Church and taught Sunday school classes there.

Mae was the only child of Oliver P. and Ida Mae Hawkins Hubbard. Oliver P. Hubbard was born Oct. 23, 1864, in Indiana. As a child, he moved with his parents to Edina, Mo.; then in 1909 to Corbin, Kan.; and later to Wichita, where he was in the hardware business.

Mae Hubbard Truitt's mother, Ida Mae, was the daughter of Abraham and Susan Pentune Hawkins. She was born at Fairmount, W. Va., on Jan. 15, 1871, and married Oliver P. Hubbard on Nov. 12, 1891. She died Mar. 24, 1958, and is buried at Glensted Cemetery.

Mae Hubbard Truitt was graduated from the Miller Business College, Chicago, and worked as a court reporter. After coming to Morgan County, she worked in the real estate office of Russell P. Hall; and later at the Golden Age Nursing Home at Stover, as a practical nurses aid, helping in the craft department and as an assistant cook.

On July 4, 1937, Oliver P. Hubbard moved to Morgan County to be near his daughter, but died 10 days later, on July 14, 1937.

## JOHN VEULEMANS

John Veulemans, accompanied by his parents, William and Josephine Sutton Veulemans and grandparents, D. and Sarah Gordon Veulemans, arrived in Morgan County by horse and wagon from Clinton, Mo. They purchased the old red grist mill from J.T. Washburn and settled in Gravois Mills. On the south of the mill was a sawmill owned by John Webster, which William helped to operate. Both were run by water that came from a big spring one and one quarter miles west. This was in 1900. The first post office was in the mill.

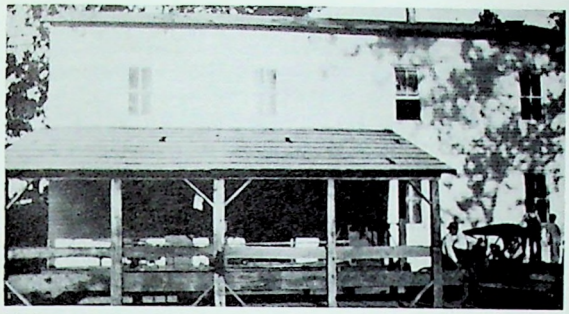
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Veulemans on Golden Wedding

Eventually William bought his father's share, tore down the old red mill and rebuilt.

Later there were other children, besides John and Kathryn, Margaret, Thomas, William and Anna. William died in infancy and is buried with his grandparents, D. and Sarah Veulemans at St. Patrick's Catholic Church near Laurie where the Veulemans attended church.

John married Edith Higbee and their children were Wilma, Jack, Philip, Kathryn and James. William's daughter, Kathryn and John's son, Philip, are buried at Tipton at St. Andrew's church cemetery.

William sold the mill to John Veulemans and Sam and Ab Kidwell and located at Fairfield, Mo. with his wife and



Veulemans Mill

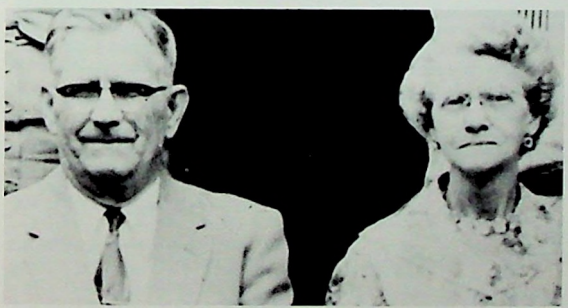
Thomas and Anna. John was one of the last of the Veulemans to own the mill. They sold out to Union Electric Company. The mill and house were torn down and the lumber was used in buildings at Laurie and one near the Reavis place.

After the Veulemans sold at Fairfield, they moved to Tipton, Mo. Margaret married Andy Knipp. Their children are Barbara, Michael, Frances and Forrest. Thomas married Flossie Pedago. Their children Betty Jo and William. Anna married Ed Franken. Their children, JoAnne, David, Patricia, Linda, Edgar and Leo.

John and Thomas their wives Margaret, and Anna and husbands are retired and live at Tipton. William and Josephine buried at St. Andrews, Tipton.

## R.L. VIEBROCK

Rudolph Ludwig (R.L.) Viebrock the 3rd of nine children born to Herman and his wife, Anna, nee Cordes, was born on January 6, 1892 at the family home on Haw Creek about nine miles northwest of Stover.



R.L. Viebrock and wife, Irma

In his early twenties he attended barber school in Kansas City, Mo. and returned to Stover to become a partner in the Stover Barber Shop with J.O. Scrivner. He retired from regular work in 1957, but continued to work there on Saturdays until his death in 1960.

He was married to Emma Hagenah on January 31, 1916. They lived their entire married life in Stover. They were active members of Christ Lutheran Church.

They were parents of five children:

Marie, married Walter Holsten, they are parents of three children, Darrell, of Kansas City, who married Kay Stamback, are the parents of three children, Timothy, James and Mark. John, married to Joelle Wadick, are the parents of four children, Charles, Donna Jo, Chris and Dana. Janet, married Danny Stratton of Dedalia, are the parents of Michael and Lisa.

Mildred, married Herbert Nolting, and they are the parents of four sons, Frederick, married Mary Rapp, and they have four children, Anthony, Bradley, Cary and Kim, married to Lyman Moore, who have one son, Kieth. Kenneth, who is married to Carlene Ehlers are the parents of four children, Robin, Rhonda, Kenda and Darrin. Ronnie married Rita Cornet, and they are the parents of Robbie and Ronette. SA Herbert Jr. of the U.S. Navy is married to Judy Taylor. He has two sons, Michael and Ryan.

Irma, married Raymond Kroeschen, and they have one son, Captain Douglas Kroeschen, of the US Marine. He is married to Debby Merriott and they have two sons, Robert and Michael.

Calvin, married Margaret Marriott and they have three sons, Eddie who is married to Connie Swartz. They are the parents of Shawn and Cheri. Bob Viebrock married Jane Miller and they have two children, Bobi Jane and Robi, and Kevin of the home.

Emmagene, is married to Edgar Witte, and they have three children, David married to Marsha Fields, and they have one daughter, Andrea, of Kansas City, Beverly married Charles Burnett of Lincoln and they have a son, Michael, and Greg of the home.

My great-great-grandparents, Herman Viebrock, born in 1807 and Catherine, born in 1805 in Wistedt, Germany came to America in 1846. They settled in Benton County. His brother, John, was killed in the Civil War in a battle at Cole Camp. My great-grandparents, Henry Viebrock, born in 1832 and Katherine, nee Scroeder, born in 1838 lived in Benton County. My grandparents, Herman Viebrock, and Anna, nee Cordes, moved to Morgan County on Haw Creek where my father, R.L., was born. *by Irma Kroeschen*

## ALBERT J. VOGT

In 1866, as a boy of four, Albert James Vogt moved with his parents, William and Anna (Goshe) Vogt, to Morgan County, Missouri from the Buffalo, New York area. They settled along the Tipton-Versailles road in the northern part of the County. Other children in the family were: Will (married Molly Talbott), Lizzie (married Nathan Frye), Leander (married Emma Marriott), John (married Mattie Newkirk), and Margaret (married John Provo). The oldest daughter, Mary Ann, was married to Henry Reigle in New York and remained in that state to rear her family.

A.J. Vogt Family

*1st row:* Cora, Mary A., Eunice, Roy, A.J., Nellie; *2nd, l to r:* Bessie, George, Alice, Elmer and Anna.

After about eight years the family followed the westward migration to a farm near Moundridge, in McPherson County, Kansas.

As a young man, Albert, better known as Ab or A.J., returned for visits to Morgan County and in 1889 was married to a former neighbor girl, Mary Ann Ramer.

John and Hannah (Ehret) Ramer had moved to Morgan County from Elkhart, Indiana. There were four daughters: Mahala (married Henry Weddle), Mary Ann, Emma (married Jacob Leib) and LaVina (married Peter Schlichtig); also one son, Willie (married Susie Kring). Hannah Ramer died in 1885 and John later married Virgie Sanders. They became the parents of one daughter, Minnie Ruth, (1897-1977), who married Edgar Fisher and after his death married Vernon Coulson.

Albert (Ab) and Mary Vogt lived on their own farm in Kansas until 1898 when they and their four children (George, Alice, Nellie and Elmer) moved to Morgan County by covered wagon, bringing their personal property and livestock. They settled on what was known as the Payne pasture, built their home and lived there until Albert (Ab) passed away in 1938. After moving to Missouri six more children were born: Anna, William, Bessie, Cora, Roy and Eunice. Nine of the children lived to maturity; William having died in infancy.

Their lives were centered around St. Martin school and Prairie View church. Known as a progressive farmer, Ab fed and marketed cattle and hogs and was a pioneer in crop rotation, in methods of soil improvement through scientific analysis and in terrace farming. He served a number of years on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Versailles and of the grain elevator in Versailles. Ab and Mary were very industrious and always managed to have great varieties of garden products, fruit trees, grapes, berries, flowers and shade trees.

George (1890-1952) married Ethyl Drake (died 1962) and had three children: Kenneth (died 1958), Evelyn Sue (died 1969) and Warren.

Nellie (1895-1950) married Clyde Roberts (died 1917) and had two children: Ada and Doris. Later, Nellie married John Brewer and at the time of her death was married to Lloyd Moore.

Elmer (1897-1976) married Velma Moore (died 1969) and had three children: Carl E. and Pauline (Dornes) who still live on farms in Morgan County. Another son died in infancy. Elmer and Velma also raised in their home three foster daughters, Corine, Minnie and Pearl Morelock. Bessie married Frank Summers (died 1965) and had two sons: James and William.

Cora married Jewel Hanby (died 1936) and later married A.C. Young (died 1975).

Roy married Velda Wilkinson and had four children: Betty, Charles, Jack and Judy.

Eunice married Frank K. Roy, Jr. They have retired in Arizona.

Alice (1892-1976) and Anna remained single, pursuing higher education and careers. In 1920 Alice went as a missionary to Udervil, Ceylon, where she taught high school English for five years, returning home in 1925. After Ab's death, Mary left the farm and moved to Kansas City to be near other family members. She lived there until her death in 1951.

Ab and Mary Vogt believed in the individual development of their children. In the course of years the individual interests are summarized as follows: two were life-time Morgan County farmers, six attended college, three attended business college, one served as a missionary, two became therapist-nurses, two were in food service, one was in building and shipyard construction, two were accountant-office managers, three were secretaries and three were teachers. *by Anna Vogt*

## ELMER J. VOGT

Elmer J. Vogt (1897-1976) was born in Moundridge, Kans., the son of Albert J. and Mary Ann Ramer Vogt.

He was married to Dulcie Velma Moore (1897-1969), daughter of Charles M. and Viola Inge Moore. They had three children, Carl E., who lives on a farm west of Glensted, Pauline Dornes, who lives on a farm near Stover and another son, who died in infancy.

Elmer J. and Dulcie Velma Vogt also raised two girls, Mrs. Pearl Luehrman, Higginsville, Mo. and Mrs. Corine Walje, of Fayette, Mo.

Elmer was a well-known farmer and stockman of Morgan County. He retired and moved to Versailles in 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Vogt are buried in the Akinsville Cemetery. *by Pauline Vogt Dornes*

## HENRY WAGENKNECHT

Henry Wagenknecht was born in Mecklenburg, Schwerien, Germany July 6, 1833. He traveled by boat to the United States and settled for a time in Chicago, about two years, working at his trade wagon-maker. He later moved to Otterville, owned and operated with a partner-Wagenknecht and Knoblauch-Blacksmiths and Wagon Manufactures. Plows were also made and repaired. The advertisement being in the Otterville Weekly March 16, 1861.

Henry Wagenknecht 1859

Mrs. Amanda Ellen Wagenknecht 1859

While in business in Otterville he met and married Amanda Ellen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith who moved here from Virginia with family. She was born Feb. 23, 1842. They were married Nov. 3, 1859. They moved to the farm home about 5 miles from Otterville in Morgan County.

Henry Wagenknecht was the Judge of Morgan County 1886-1894, during this time the present courthouse was built in 1890.

Ten children were born, also reared in the home was Lucy Potts. Two sons George and Leo died in infancy. Mary — Nov. 26, 1860; Charles — March 1, 1864; William Aug. 23, 1867; James — Oct. 7, 1870; Anna — June 2, 1873; Alice — Aug. 21, 1876; Birdie — Feb. 15, 1879; Lee Zetta — Sept. 14, 1883.

Mary married Wesley Christine, two sons were born, Carl and Earl. Carl married having 2 children. Earl married having 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 3 great, grandchildren.

Charles married Emma (Wild) Williams, she had one son by a previous marriage. They had two daughters Phyllis who died in infancy and Evelyn she married and had 3 children, one daughter died when small. The son now lives in Morgan County. There are 3 grandchildren.

William married Tillie Schleusing, two children were born, Millerd married and had 2 children, 5 grandchildren. One son Lynn and his son bought the old Wagenknecht home place. Catherine married, has one daughter and 2 grandsons.

James married Sallie Boucher they had 6 sons, while the boys were young Sallie died and several years later he married Mary Merritt, who died after the boys were grown, he then married Kate Kannebly. Irwin married and had 2 daughters. Wilbur married and had 3 children, one died in infancy. 3 grandchildren. Russel married and had one daughter, 2 grandsons, 3 great-grandchildren. Lawrence married had 2 children 6 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren. Henry married and had 7 children.

Anna married Ira DeHaven they had one daughter, 2 grandsons, 7 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren. Anna lived to be 105 years and 6 months.

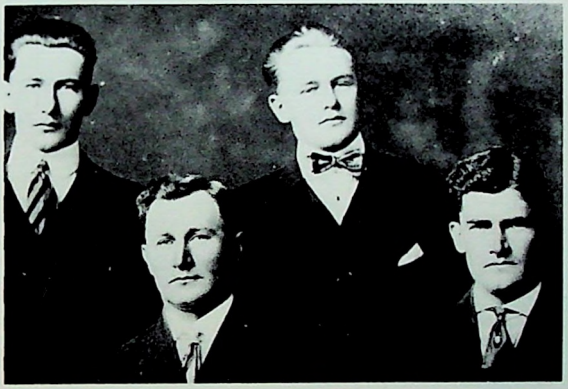
Alice married Harry England, they had one daughter Edith, she married and had 2 children, the girl died when about 6 years of age.

Birdie married George DeHaven, no children.

Zetta married Kirtley Morris, no children. They lived in the Wagenknecht home place where Zetta had lived since she was two years old and lived their entire married life there.

## FRED WAHLERS

Fred Wahlers was born June 7, 1853. He was a farmer, and lived between Versailles and Stover. On April 18, 1879, he married Catherine Monsess, who was born Oct. 1, 1860. Catherine was the daughter of G. Monsess and Mary Kahrs Monsess. Mary, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kahrs, was born in New Orleans, La., and came to Smithton. Catherine's sisters were Mae Schleusing, Laura Bluhin, and Mattie Bolte. Her brothers were Frank, John, Phillip and Harry Monsess.



The Wahlers
*Front:* John and Arthur; *Back:* Irvin and Herbert.

Fred and Catherine Wahlers moved to a farm near Stover after they were married at Smithton. Their children were John Edward Wahlers, Phila Wahlers, Arthur Wahlers, Mae Martha Wahlers, Bessie Emma Wahlers, Blanche Effie Wahlers, Louella Martha Wahlers; Viola Wahlers, Irwin McKinley Wahlers and Herbert Felix Wahlers.

John E. Wahlers married Emma Smiley. Phila Wahlers married Charley Gehrs; they had three children: Cora, who married Elry Welpman; Nelson, who married Nova Webb, and Kathryn, who married Ben Coit.

Arthur Wahlers married Clara Warnke. Their children were Elihu, Marie, Violet, Virginia and Clayton. Mae Martha Wahlers married a Dr. Reser. They had three children: Joan, Willis and Fain.

Bessie E. Wahlers married Jesse Morris. They had two children: Wanita, who married Kenneth Chestnut; and Linda Lou, who married Warren Wilson. Blanche E. Wahlers married Hugh William Smiley. They had four children: Lorena May Smiley, who married Ernest Elmer Housworth; Louella Martha, who married Joel Dillard Byler; Milfred Samuel, who married Dorothy Byler; and Hugh William (H.W.) Smiley, who married Marie Hilderbrand.

Viola Wahlers married Ben Coit. They had four children: Chester, Glenn, Betty and Melva Dean. Irwin McKinley Wahlers married Ruth Gerber. Their children were Marilyn Joyce and Jerry Wahlers.

Herbert Felix Wahlers married Bergie Todd. Children of Herbert and Bergie were Judy and Herbert Felix, Jr.

The Wahlers
*Front:* Phila and Viola; Back: Bessie, Mae and Blanche.

Great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of Fred Wahlers include: Carolyn Joyce Housworth, who married William Robert Silvey, and their children Joyce Gayle and Jeffrey Dale; Loren Ray Housworth, who married Betty Jane Apsher, and their children Kamala Rae, Byron Wade and Stacy Sanoma; Joella E. Byler, who married Alvin Apsher, and their children Bethany Deanne, Tammy Jo and Ladonna Jane; Jesse D. Byler, who married Sandy Autry, and their son Matthew Joel; Samuel Hugh Byler, who married Joyce Cooper; and Robert Wayne Smiley, son of Milfred S. and Dorothe Byler.

The Wahlers children attended Hinken School and Hinken Church, north of Stover. Fred and Catherine Wahler are buried in the Hinken Cemetery.

## FRED WAHLERS

Catherine Monsees Wahlers was a daughter of Gavert and Mary (Kahrs) Monsees; some of the brothers and sisters were Edward, Frank, Harry, and Laura Monsees. Several of them settled around the Smithton, Mo. area; but the Wahlers and Monsees's were of German ancestry. Catherine married Frederick Wahlers and they owned and lived on a section or more of land North of Stover, Mo. in Morgan County. They were the parents of nine children.

The sons were Arthur, Herbert, John E. and Irwin M. Wahlers. Arthur who married Clara Warnke, raised a family of five children, a son was killed during World War II. They lived at Pharr, Texas. Herbert married Bergie Todd and they had a son, Herbert Jr. and a daughter, Judy, who reside in Houston, Texas. John E. Wahlers married Emma Smiley and they lived near Versailles, Mo., in Morgan County. Irwin M. Wahlers married Ruth Gerber and live at Jamesport, Mo. Their family is a daughter, Marlyin Green, and a son, Jerry, who was killed in a construction explosion, April 1970.

The daughters of the Wahler's were May Reser, a registered nurse, who married Dr. Reser of Prestion, Mo. and they had three children, Fain of the home place at Preston, Willis of Excelsior Springs, Mo. and Joan Henderson, Tightlman, Md. Phila, married Charlie Gehrs and they had three children, Nelson Gehrs, Kansas City, Mo., Cora Welpman, Joplin, Mo. and Catherine Coit, who was killed in a car accident. Viola, married Ben Coit and they also had three children, Glen Coit, Betty Goodman both of Versailles, Mo. in Morgan County, and Melba Akers of St. Joseph, Mo. Viola died at an early age due to cancer.

On February 6, 1891, the Wahler's twin daughters Blanche Effie and Bessie Emma were born. On April 15, 1913, they were married in a double ceremony, Blanche wed Hugh Smi-

Wahlers Brothers
*Back:* Irvin and Herbert. *Front:* John and Arthur.

ley and Bessie wed Jesse E. Morris, both of Versailles, Mo. in Morgan County. The Smiley's had four children, Milfred, who married Dorothy Byler and live at Pleasant Hill, Mo. they have a son. H.W. Smiley married Marie Hilderbrand, who live near Versailles, Mo., Morgan County, Lorena Smiley who married Ernest Houseworth, and Louella Smiley who married Joe Byler of Stover, Mo. Lorena has a son, Loren, Warrensburg, Mo. and daughter, Carolyn Joyce Silvey, of Versailles, Mo. Louella has two sons, J.D. and Sammy, of Kansas City, Mo. and daughter, Joella Apsher, Rolla, Mo. There are nine great-grandchildren of the Smiley family.

Wahlers Sisters
*Front:* Phila Wahlers Gehrs, Viola Wahlers Coit. *Back:* Blanch Wahlers Smiley (twin), May Wahlers Reser, Bessie Wahlers Morris (twin).

The twin, Bessie, married Jesse E. Morris and lived at Versailles, Mo.; and were the parents of two daughters, Wanita Chestnut, wife of Kenneth Chestnut, Lansing, Kans. and Linda Lou Wilson, wife of Warren Wilson, Stover, Mo., Morgan County. Grandchildren of Jesse and Bessie Morris are Shirley Datema, Springfield, Mo., Ernest Edward Chestnut, Derby, Ks., Olen Lyle Chestnut, Kansas City, Mo. who were the children of Wanita Chestnut. Linda Lou's children were Carl Morris Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., Earl Wilson, Stover, Mo., Morgan County and Merl Kirtley Wilson, Holt Summit, Mo. The Morris's have five great-grandchildren.

As of today there are only three known descendants by the Wahlers name that are from the Fred Wahlers family and they are grandsons of Arthur Wahlers of Pharr, Texas, a grandson of Herbert Wahlers at Houston, Texas and a grandson of Irwin M. Wahlers of Jamesport, Mo.

## FREDERICK WAHLERS

Frederick Wahlers I was born in Hanover, Germany September, 1807 and died February 1884. He was married on February 14, 1845 to Gasha Gretchen Bluhm Kueck. They settled in Haw Creek township and are buried in the backyard plot on their home about 6 miles north of Stover, Mo. They were the parents of 9 children; Frederick, Henry, Cord, John, Margaret, Matilda and 3 children who died with scarlet fever.

*Front:* Fredrich II, Louis, Elizabeth; Back: Albert, Maggie, Sena, Dave, William.

Frederick Wahlers II was married to Elizabeth Hinken on March 27, 1879. They are both buried at Hinken Cemetery. They had 6 children; Louis, Albert, Margaret (Maggie), William, Dave and Sena.

Louis Wahlers married Ida Thieman and had 3 children. These 3, Raymond, Harold and Marie, all live near Higginsville, Mo.

Albert never married.

Margaret (Maggie) married Julius Hermann Gerlt. They were the parents on Myrtle, Esther, Homer, Oscar, Milton, Raymond, Marie, and Irvin.

Myrtle married Stanley Kidwell. Homer Gerlt married Arlene Tagtmeyer and live on a farm near Stover. They are the parents of Roger, Margaret, Dorothy, and Robert.

Margaret is married to Ross Friedly and live at Blackburn. They have 3 boys; Jeff, Rodney and Allan. Dorothy is married to George Milligan and have 3 children; Tammy, Debbie, Michael. They live at Columbia, Mo. Robert married Beverly Boeschen and are the parents of Jennifer and Damon. They live in Stover and Roger, who never married, lives on a farm near Stover.

Oscar Gerlt married Leona Hansen and are the parents of Karen, Ronnie and Bill. Karen married Bruce Doolittle and have 2 sons. Ronnie married Sandy Pippert. Bill is in school. They live near Red Oak, Iowa.

Esther, Milton, and Marie died at an early age. Raymond Gerlt married Ruth Gerber and they had 4 children; Larry, Linda, Pamela, and Patty. Patty died at birth and her mother shortly after in 1964. Linda is married to Darrell Newell and have a daughter, Aimee and live in Independence, Mo. Pam lives at Kingsman, Kansas. Larry and his father farm near Latham.

Irvin Gerlt married Alva Rapp and they live on a farm near Versailles. They are the parents of Jim, Betty and Jerry. Jim married Judy Wallace and he is a preacher at Oklahoma. They have 3 children; Angela, Brigitte and Chad. Betty is a physical therapist and lives at Sedalia while Jerry farms with his dad.

William Wahlers married Lydia Knipmeyer and had 3 children, Roy, Helen, and Alice who live in the Alma, Mo. area.

Dave Wahlers married Doris Weicken. They had one son Elvan. They lived on a farm north of Stover which was homesteaded by Martin and Gasha Kueck. After Martin Kuecks death, she married Frederick Wahlers I. Elvan and his wife Ruth Ehlers Wahlers still live on this farm. They are the parents of Dianne, Linda, and Gary.

Dianne married Ronnie Conner, and are the parents of Lisa, Sherry, and Ronnie Lee. Linda married Dale Ingersoll who live on a farm north of Stover. Gary married Kathryn Heimsoth who have 1 son, Kristopher.

Sena Wahlers died with the swine flu in 1919. *Mrs. Elvan Wahlers*

## ROBERT LACY WARE

Robert Lacy Ware was born in Versailles on Sept. 26, 1909, the son of Robert and Blanche Fowler Ware. He grew up and attended school here.

On Jan. 7, 1930 he married Miss Ruth Williams, daughter of Jack and Pearl Preston Williams. Ruth was born Nov. 10, 1907 in Cooper County, Mo.

Robert Lacy had a brother, Selby Ware (deceased) and a sister, Mrs. Nettie Wheeler of Kansas City. A brother, William, died young.

Ruth and Lacy had no children but raised a nephew, William Jackson now of Denver, Colo. in their home.

Ruth had two sisters, Audrey Penn of Jefferson City and Carrie Miller of Sedalia. She had two brothers, Floyd and "Book" Williams. Another sister died.

Ruth and Lacy catered the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs weekly luncheons for many years and the Women's Civic Club dinners once a month for years. They also served meals at the Rolling Hills Country Club, clubs at Tipton, Mo. and for many individuals in Morgan County.

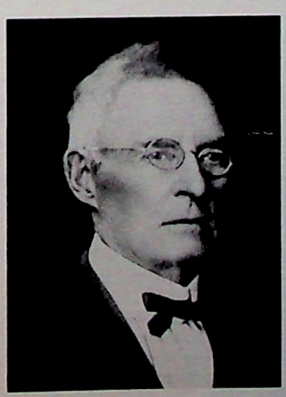
For several years they catered the Christmas dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Gunn.

Lacy was a veteran of World War I and both were members of the Second Baptist Church.

Ruth and Lacy Ware are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## JOHN THOMAS WASHBURN

After the Civil War, John Thomas Washburn migrated from Floyd County, Va. to Versailles, Morgan County, Mo. In Versailles he worked as a clerk in a general store until moving to Gravois Mills to begin a general merchandise store of his own.



John Thomas Washburn

He started the store in an old house which stood for many years just a few feet from the building now occupied by the Farmers Bank of Stover facility in Gravois Mills. While operating this store, he began constructing a large two-story building for a store on the ground level, with rooms for rent for "drummers" or traveling salesmen, on the second floor.

He married Desdemonia Martin, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Martin of the Martin Hotel in Versailles, on Aug. 29, 1869. To them were born Henry Martin, Frank, Samuel, Reynolds, Lottie (Williams), Jeanette (Marker), Ralph, and William Shadrick, all now deceased.

William Shadrick Washburn was married to Lottie Webster, one of fourteen children born to John H. and Olivan Heffelfinger Webster, who had moved to Morgan County from Ohio.

The children of William S. and Lottie Washburn are John Loren, married to Anita Zagrodsky, who have three children, John, Sally and William; Shirley Olivan Washburn Bauer, wife of Alvin Bauer, who have two children, Carolyn Bauer Swartz and William Bauer; Mildred E. Six, whose husband, Ralph Six, is deceased. Their children are Barbara Berkstresser and Betty Jean Alexander; Paul Washburn (deceased), who married Martha Mae Heineman (deceased), who had twin sons, Theodore and David Washburn; and William Otho Washburn, who married Mary Jean Colby, and their children are Colon, William Randal, Jeanie and John Thomas, whose twin sister died at birth.

William S., or "Bill" Washburn, as he was commonly called, followed in the footsteps of his father. As a merchant and part time farmer the first years of his marriage were spent in Gravois Mills. He began working in Versailles and in 1923 he and Dr. William Well purchased the interest of Fred Monsess and began a business under the name of the Morgan County Oil Company on West Newton Street, called "Wall Street."

In 1926 L.O. Williams built a new building on the southwest corner of the square and Bill Washburn leased it for his gas, oil and tire business. This is the building now known as Cable's Liquor Store.

Bagnall Dam was being constructed and, as many of the workers lived in Versailles, Bill Washburn's business flourished. The station was opened at 5 a.m. to fill the needs of these workers.

Later, in about 1931, due to a promotional failure, Bill assumed the management and ownership of Washburn Point Resort on the Lake of the Ozarks which he managed until his death. At that time his son, Paul, who had returned from military service in the army, took over.

In 1934 Bill bought the Ford Motor Company from J.A. Petty and this, too, was being operated by him at the time of his death in October, 1935.

Both John H. Webster and John T. Washburn affected, tremendously, the progress of Gravois Mills, having been two or the three names on initial papers of Ivy Cemetery, adjacent to Gravois Beach at the junction of the Little Gravois and Big Gravois creeks.

Bill Washburn had the same kind of concern for Versailles and his name is on many of the projects undertaken to make Versailles the place it is today. *by John Loren Washburn*

## J. LOREN WASHBURN M.D.

J. Loren Washburn, son of William S. and Lottie Washburn, (see John T. Washburn history), was born in Gravois Mills. He did pre-med study at Central College, Fayette, Mo., received a B.S. in Medicine from University of Missouri (Columbia) and his M.D. from Northwestern University, Chicago. He began practice of medicine in Versailles in January 1936.

Dr. Washburn married Anita Zagrodzky of St. Joseph, Mo. She received a B.S. in Education at UMC, and worked as Home Agent for the Extension Service, in an area that included Morgan County.

Dr. Washburn, in addition to his busy general practice, has been active in community affairs, serving in many capacities. To mention a few: Co-Chairman of first Morgan County Fair; Charter member, District Governor, Lion's Club; officer

Dr. J.L. Washburn and wife Anita

of Mo. State Medical Association, and served 10 years as Missouri delegate to AMA; for over 25 years he was Medical Examiner and Advisor (without compensation) for the Selective Service. Members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, both Doctor and Anita are elders. For a brief period, Anita was a High School Economics teacher. She, too, has served and is active in many community organizations.

Their children are: John, who received B.A., magna cum laude, Park College, Parkville, Mo., Master's and Ph.D. in Political Science, Duke University, Durham, N.C. He married Carol Bucher of Shannondale, Shannon County, Mo., who attended Park College and received a B.A. at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. Their children are Mary Catherine and Michael. John is a Professor of Political Science, Lock Haven College, Lock Haven, Pa., and they reside nearby.

Sally Washburn, received B.A. in History, cum laude, at UMC, also became a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She married Gene M. Bradley of Lebanon, Mo., a graduate of UMC, with a B.S. in Business Administration. Gene served as a Lieutenant in Army, a year in Vietnam. They reside in Fairway, Ks., and have a son, Eric. Gene is a CPA — and a partner in the accounting firm, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, of Kansas City, Mo.

William F. Washburn received B.S. in Business Administration Central Missouri University, Warrensburg, and J.D. at University of Missouri, Kansas City. While serving in the army, he spent a year in Vietnam, and attained rank of sergeant. He married Colleen Campbell of Seneca, Mo., a graduate of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Mo. with a B.S. in Business Administration. Bill is a practicing attorney in the Kansas City area and Colleen is Communications Consultant with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Kansas City, Mo.

The Loren Washburn family home on West Washington Street is one of the older houses in Versailles. Built of bricks made on the site, it was constructed by John Rankin in the 1890s. *by Anita Washburn*

## PAUL EMERSON WASHBURN

Paul Emerson Washburn was born Oct. 12, 1918, son of William S. and Lottie Silvey Washburn.

He attended the Versailles schools, graduating from high school in 1936. He was an outstanding student and active in track and basketball. He attended Central Methodist College at Fayette for one year, where, again he was on the track and basketball teams and a brilliant student.

After the death of his father Paul managed Washburn's Point Resort on the Lake of the Ozarks.

He married Martha Mae (Mary) Heineman on Oct. 2, 1938. On Aug. 12, 1940 their twin sons, David August and Paul Theodore were born in the old Heineman house on West Washington Street in Versailles.

On Aug. 11, 1944 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as S/Sgt. and platoon leader in the 1080 Infantry, stationed in the Philippines. After the war he returned to Washburn's Point. He and Mary and their sons operated the resort until 1958 when they sold it and bought out Doug Hubbard's Insurance Agency. Paul and Mary operated the business until his death on Nov. 18, 1963. Mary continued in the agency until her death on Nov. 27, 1967.

Paul was active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, served on the Morgan County R-II school board, the Lake of the Ozarks Association and the Versailles Lions Club.

He and Mary are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## PAUL THEODORE WASHBURN

Paul Emerson Washburn, the son of William Washburn and Lottie Silvey Washburn, was born Oct. 12, 1918 in Gravois Mills, Mo.; died Nov. 19, 1963. He was married to Martha Mae (Mary) Heineman (b. Nov. 6, 1919-d. Nov. 27, 1967), the daughter of August Heineman and Lillie Hunter Heineman.

Kevin, Theo., Loyce (Snooks) and Kelly Washburn

Paul Theodore and his twin brother, David August, sons of Paul and Mary, were born Aug. 12, 1940 in their grandmother Heineman's house at Washington and S. Burke Street in Versailles. They were raised on the Lake of the Ozarks as their parents owned and operated Washburn's Point on Lake Rd. 5-16 in Gravois Mills, Mo. The boys started working at the resort at an early age. During the winter they moved to town so the boys could attend school in Versailles. Theo graduated from high school in 1958 and he, David, and Loyce (Snooks) Guenther went to Central Methodist in Fayette for one year. During this time, the Washburns sold Washburn's Point and bought Hubbard Insurance. On June 27, 1959, Theo and his high school sweetheart, Snooks, were married and they transferred to Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg. There, Theo, graduated with a degree in business in 1962. On July 31, 1961, Kevin David was born and three years later on March 22, 1964, Kelly Lynne.

Following graduation, Theo went to K.C. and worked for Sears, Roebuck & Co. as a buyer from 1962-1964. He transferred over to All State Ins. Co. and moved to Topeka, Kansas as an agent. He returned to Versailles in 1965, when his mother Mary needed him to help in her insurance agency. He lived in Jeff City for a short time and then moved back to Versailles and opened his own business, the Theodore Washburn Insurance Agency.

Theo has served as Deacon of the Presbyterian Church, 1969-1971. Thru 1969 to 1972 he has been on the Board of Directors of the Versailles Chamber of Commerce, Sec.-Treas. (1969-71) and President (1976) of the Rolling Hills Country Club. In 1973, he was President of the Versailles Industrial Corp. and was also selected to Who's Who.

Theo and his wife enjoy refinishing antiques and he collects and repairs old clocks. He's a member of the N.A.W.C.C. an

association for clock collectors. His brother David also enjoys the same hobby.

## JESSE ELLIS WALTERS

Jesse Ellis Walters was born in south Morgan County on January 30, 1912; the first child of Samuel and Fannie (Hibdon) Walters. Three brothers later joined the family; Joe Orville, Everett Woodrow and George Nelson.

Jesse E. and Bernice (Embree) Walters

The home was on the Jesse Ellis farm on Soap Creek, which Sam Walters and his new bride, Fannie Hibdon, rented when they were married January 8, 1911.

The Walters family moved to Proctor, Mo., near the Osage River in 1922. The boys attended Proctor Grade School. Jesse graduated from 8th grade in 1927. The following year he attended Gravois Mills High School, but was forced to drop out of school in 1929 due to the great depression which cut funds needed for board and room.

The building of Bagnell Dam creating Lake of the Ozarks inundated the farming land and the farm was sold. They moved back to the Soap Creek farm which Sam purchased.

In 1935 Jesse returned to Gravois Mills High School and graduated. After spending a year in the CCC camps, Jesse attended Central Missouri State College, pursuing a degree in teaching.

He taught one room schools and attended College in summers for a few years, teaching Buck Creek and Jenkins Schools. His education was interrupted by World War II.

When this war became real with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Jesse resigned his school and joined the Navy in January, 1942. He served for 46 months, being released to inactive duty in November, 1945. He was released as a Lieut. Commander and holds that rank in the USNR-Retired.

Jesse married Bernice Embree whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Embree, had moved from the dust bowl of Eastern Colorado to the adjoining ranch, south of Soap Creek.

After release from the Navy Jesse returned to college and received a B.S. degree in 1947. The following four summers he earned a master's degree in School Administration and served as a school superintendent in four districts over the next twenty-eight (28) years.

From 1951 to 1956 they lived in Dixon where Jesse was teacher, Principal, and Superintendent of Schools.

In 1953 the family moved to Everton, Missouri where Jesse was Superintendent of Schools.

Back to Morgan County and Superintendent of Schools at Stover, Missouri, in 1954, the Walters family settled down for ten years. Under Jesse's administration the school was converted from many small attendance centers into a single unit, transportation reached every part of the district and the most extensive building program ever undertaken by the district was completed.

Leaving Stover in 1964 the Walters family moved to Glasgow where Jesse assumed the Superintendency of Glasgow Public Schools for fifteen years. Under his leadership, one of the finest school facilities in the area was developed, while the school attained AA classification.

Four children added to all the excitement, the moves and the life of Jesse and Bernice Walters; Barbara Faye, Jesse Edward, Daniel Monty and Steven Kent.

Barbara married Roy Hamilton. They live in East Alton, Illinois with three children; Micky, Cathy, and Sue.

Jesse Edward (Jay) married Joyce Tietjen. They live in Columbia, Missouri with daughter Kristan. Jay works for Sears.

Daniel Monty married Barbara Hillman. They have two children, Tonya and Keth. Dan works for Ken's Pizza parlors and moves frequently.

Steven Kent is single and lives at home, working for Howard County.

After serving forty years in Education Jesse and Bernice have retired and live in Sedalia, Missouri. They spend much time on their Soap Creek farm living in their converted school house-home there.

## REDRICK O. WALTERS

Mary Walters was born in Virginia and came to Morgan County in the 1860's, from Boonesboro, Missouri, with her three children: Redrick, Salina J. and Elizabeth. They lived on a farm near what is now the Vincent Staudenrause home. Elizabeth married Ed Fuller. They were parents of Theodore and Ollie. They moved to the State of California. Salina J. married Thomas N. Lett in 1871. They had one daughter, Doanie. Redrick O. married Catherine Adeline Conner in 1879. Both are buried in Holst Cemetery near Gravois Mills. He was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. They were parents of five children:

*Standing, l-r:* Jim, Sam, May; Sitting: Redrick, Adeline and Bill Walters in 1909.

Bill married Minnie James in 1903. Both are buried at Holst Cemetery. He worked in the mines near the Old Fairview School. His back was broken in a mining accident from which he never recovered. Parents of Barbara, Mamie, Alda, Clydabell (Helen), Rena Dell and Roy.

James M. married Emma Jane Hibdon in 1907. James is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. He was a farmer and tie cutter. The parents of seven children: Rosella married Elliot McGinnis (Hubert) and David McGinnis (Oscar L., Kenneth, James D., Wanda and a foster daughter Melva) and Leonard Porter. Audrey married John Coonce (Three stepchildren — Gladys, Forest and Chas. Jr.). Addie married Johnny Kelly

Redrick O. Walters and wife Adeline

and George Guiles. Hester married Charles 'Short' Johnson (Jr. L., Jewell, Loren, Dale, Donald, Genevieve, Thelma, Sharon, Darlene and Deborah). Oscar married Leotta Porter (Larry). Eula Vern married Jake Owens (Milton, Ray, Phyllis). Norman married Nadine Peoples (Charles, Darrell, Diane and LaVida).

Mae married George M. Holst in 1911. Both are buried in Holst Cemetery. They were farmers on Soap Creek near Gravois Mills. The parents of four children: Fern married Marshall Silvey (Rita and Dean). Mildred married Winfred 'Pete' Hibdon (Shirley, Bonnie, Kenneth and Linda). Earl married Betty?? (Judy, Wayne, Gary, Bill, Coleen and Kimberly). Maxine married Ray Wilkins (Margret, Nancy and Barbara).

Desa L. — Infant. Died in 1886. Buried in Ivy Cemetery near Gravois.

Samuel J. married Fannie I. Hibdon in 1911. Both are buried in the Versailles Cemetery. Both were born near Gravois Mills and lived their entire lives in Morgan County. They lived at Proctor eight years and then moved to a farm on Soap Creek, now owned by Jesse Walters and Sam Bob Walters. They were farmers, tie cutters and raised cattle. The parents of four sons, all of whom served their country in WWII. Jesse Ellis — Bernice Embree (1944). He served in the Navy and has been in Education forty years. He is presently Superintendent of School in Glasgow, Missouri. They have four children: Barbara — Mrs. Roy Hamilton (Mickey — Cathy — Mary Sue). Jesse Edward — Joyce Tietgen (Kristan). Daniel Montie — Barbara Hillman ( Tonya — Keth). Kent — Single. Joe Orville — Patricia Power (1946). He served in the Army in Germany and is now a cattleman and farmer, living four miles west of Gravois Mills at the head of Soap Creek. They are parents of three children: Samuel Robert — Kay Bauer Raines (Tonya — Stephenie and Thomas 'Bo' Raines). Pamela Kay — George Ivan Purvis III. Susan Diane — Single. Everett Woodrow — Grace Eddy (1946). He is retired from thirty years Navy Service. They are parents of five children: Gary Rex — Ruth Chable. Jimmy Don — Judith Lindsey. Bob Everett — Kathleen Robinson (Amy Elizabeth). Carol Ann — Kim James (Kory Dean). Billy Joe — Terri James. George Nelson — Marie Nunziato (1946) George is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. He served in the Merchant Marines and taught one term at Bond School. Later he was a lithographer in New York and Indiana. They were parents of three sons: Kenneth Dale — Carol Rodriques (Victoria — Christopher). Jeffery Wayne and Gregory are single. *Grace Walters*

## JOHN WASSUNG

John Wassung came to Versailles shortly after the Civil War, and established a harness and saddle shop. He was born in Meines, Germany May 8, 1838 and came to United States at age twenty-one. He spent two years in Cole Camp before coming to Versailles, there he met and married Mary Harms.

Wassung Harness Shop
John Wassung and Ben F. Goodman in 1911

Mrs. Wassung was born aboard ship in Cuban Waters while her parents were coming to United States from Germany.

Goodman's Shoe Store

John and Mary built the large residence on North Monroe Street, just north of Methodist Church. All nine children were born here, Mrs. Eva Goodman, Herman H., Mrs. Sadie Beemer, Mrs. Christine Conover, Mrs. Clara Goodman, four children died in infancy.

Mr. Wassung's Harness and Saddle Shop were destroyed by town fire several times. He purchased raw leather and saddle foundations from St. Louis. The raw leather he soaked in large vat of oil in the back of his shop to make it supple and pliant enough to be made into sets of harness. He marked the places on the leather for the stitches and bored holes for the needles with an awl. He sewed with two needles, making everything by hand, until the sewing machines were available. He learned the harness trade before leaving Germany.

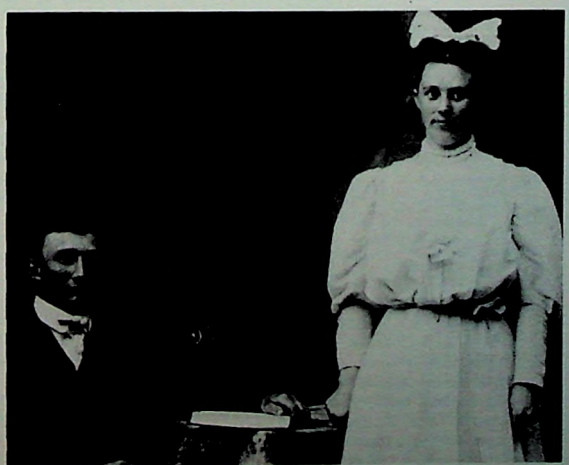
In 1880 Mr. Wassung built the Wassung Opera House, today it houses the Gamble Store. The Opera Hall was located on the second floor of the building. First floor was occupied by a grocery store, owned by George and Henry Beckman, on the west and on east Mr. Wassung Harness and Buggy Shop. Mrs. Eva Goodman often told of playing for hours, as a child in her father's shiny new buggies on display. The Opera House was used for a court room after the courthouse burned, and as meeting places for church groups. It catered to traveling show troupes. Eva Wassung was often called to play a child's part in plays presented there by the traveling show. Among the ushers at the Opera House were Sine and Charles Kavanaugh, Bert Lumpee, Charles Petty and others. Later this was used for silent movies until the Royal Theater was established. Mr. Wassung sold the Opera House in 1890 to Mr. Jackson. After selling, the family moved to Mt. Olive, Ill., but after one short year they returned to Versailles and went into harness business, later he bought some land from Jack Freebairn on which he erected the building now occupied by "The Pastry Parlor". Mr. Wassung retired 1918, he died 1927.

The Wassung's daughter Eva married Ben Goodman and went into shoe business, they sold out her father's harness shop, later Mr. Goodman added a shoe repair shop in the back where he repaired shoes. At one time they gave away seventy-two pairs of shoes to destitute families in town. During their twenty-one years in the shoe business the Goodmans shod many Morgan County families. They sold the shoe store to the Clifton Brothers (Max and Richard) in 1939.

After they went out of the shoe business, the Goodmans built a little cottage to the south of their home and went into the homemade ice cream business in which they were engaged for fourteen years. They later sold this business to Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hutchison and son, Larry, and retired in 1953. Mr. Goodman died 1955 and Eva died 1967. She belonged to the Eastern Star and Ben was a Mason, both were members of the United Methodist Church in Versailles, a charter member of Versailles cemetery association. The Goodman's had no children of their own, but raised Ella Gross and John Goodman. *Mrs. Preston Hutchison*

## LOUIS WEAVER

Louis Weaver and his wife, Amanda Ella Smith Weaver, came to Morgan County, Mo. in the early 1800's from Ohio.



Oscar and Carrie Weaver — Wedding picture

They built a farm home about 2½ miles from Barnett. They had four children, May, Iva, Oscar and Otis.

They operated a hardware store and also sold caskets.

Their son, Oscar, married Carrie Virginia Tompkins and they had three children, Dora (of Versailles), Grace (of Kansas City), and Ansel (of Ft. Smith, Ark.).

Oscar Weaver taught school for 18 years in various locations in Morgan County. He drove a horse and buggy for many years. He attended the Barnett Institute and taught there for a while. Prof. Will Strong was his teacher there.

His wife, Carrie, died in 1938 at age 54. Her life was short but filled with helping others wherever she could, serving as a midwife for many years.

Grace Weaver married John B. Ratcliff and they had four sons, Johnny, Jimmy, Sammy and Dick.

Ansel married Genevieve Vernon of Eldon and they had one daughter, Linda.

Dora married Elmer E. Archer of Iola, Kans. He was a teacher in Versailles High School at the time Dora was a senior student when they were married. Their children are Virginia Mae, who married Carl A. Guenther, and they live on a farm west of Versailles. Their children are Kathy, Bill, Patty and Reed, Jr.

Robert Eugene Archer married Terry Edmond of Massachusetts, lives in Oklahoma City, Okla. They have six children, Beth Anne, Robert Eugene, Jr., David, Ellen Marie, Paul Damian and John.

Joanne Archer married Tom Foster and they live in Kansas City. Their children are Thomas R. Foster, Jr., Charles, Leesa, Joe and Jeffrey.

David Archer married Ruth Bobek of Caldwell, Kans. and they live at Oklahoma City, Okla. They have one son, Matthew David.

Elmer and Dora Archer were married 42 years. He died of a heart attack at their home in Versailles on Dec. 15, 1967. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## JOHN H. WEBSTER

John H. Webster (b. April 21, 1846 in Pa.-d. January 30, 1929) and wife Olivann Heffelfinger (b. October 5, 1850 in Jeromesville, Ohio-d. Feb. 27, 1924) came to Morgan Co., Mo. in 1870. They were accompanied by his parents John N. (b. Sept. 9, 1803 in Westmoreland Co., Pa.-d. Dec. 9, 1878) and Sarah Harrison (b. Nov. 12, 1814-d. March 25, 1892) — also his brothers Asa and Emmanuel and his sister Elzira and their families.

The family settled near Gravois Mills, Mo. and for many years were prominent farmer-stockmen in the area, well known for their love of breeding of fine horses. The Lake of the Ozarks inundated the farms, and many of the family scattered. John spent the remainder of his life with his daughter, Merle and family at Gravois Mills.

John and Olivann were the parents of 14 children, and many of their descendants still reside in Morgan County. Their children were:

1. Mary L. Webster (b. Feb. 23, 1869-d. Dec. 15, 1945), Gravois Mills, Mo. One son, Earl, who married Lola Fish.

2. Calvin "Cal" (b. Feb. 16, 1871-d. Feb. 17, 1942), Ft. Morgan, Colo. He and wife Anna, had no children.

3. William Watson "Wats" (b. Nov. 1, 1872-d. June 5, 1956). Married Alice Lizabeth Conner (b. May 3, 1875-d. Jan 21, 1953), daughter of John and Susan Carver Conner. Wats was a farmer in the Gravois area all his life. He was a fox hunter without peer and renowned for his country cured hams. Wats and Alice had one daughter, Vera Olive, who married Clyde Kidwell of Versailles. Clyde was foreman of the Leader-Statesman for many years. Their only child, Lu Alice (Mrs. Rex Real) lives in Sedalia, Mo. and has 2 daughters; Sally (Mrs. Stephen Wells) of Sedalia, and Susan (Mrs. Rick Buckley) of Independence, Mo., and one grandson, Trey Buckley.

4. Charles Allen "Al" (b. Nov. 8, 1874-d. April 25, 1939), New Franklin, Mo. He married Alice Thompson and they were the parents of 3 children, Harry E. (m. Eura Taylor);

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Doris W. (m. Frances Colvin); and Forrest "Toots" (m. Lucille Eatherton).

5. Emma (Mrs. Will Padgett) (b. Feb. 23, 1876-d. June 25, 1902), Versailles, Mo. There were 3 children; Lloyd, Waldo and Vencil.

6. Emmanuel "Mann" (b. April 10, 1878-d. in 1959), Butte, Mont. Married Lucille Adams. Had 3 children; Maureen (Jursnick); Clyde and Elwood.

7. Cora (Mrs. Will Fish) (b. Sept. 13-d. Sept. 9, 1942), Versailles, Mo. There were no children.

8. Grover (b. Jan. 28, 1884-d. Oct. 5, 1942), Howard County, Mo. He and his wife Rose had 7 children: Oval, Jeanellen, Marguerite, Betty Anne, John Fritz and Calvin.

9. E. Merle (Mrs. Wm. "Willie" Silvey) (b. Jan. 11, 1884-d. Feb. 4, 1976), Gravois Mills and Versailles. They were the parents of 4 children, Claude (m. Anna Hibdon); Myron (m. Artie Mummert); Cleo Geiger; and Willena (Mrs. Clarence Cable).

10. Lottie C. (Mrs. Wm. S. Washburn) (b. May 2, 1889-d. Sept. 19, 1975), Gravois Mills and Versailles, Mo. They were the parents of 5 children; Dr. J. Loren (m. Anita Zagrodzky); Paul (m. Martha Mae Hineman); Shirley (Mrs. Alvin Bauer); Mildred (Mrs. Ralph Six); and Dr. Wm. Otho (m. Mary Jean "Honey" Colby).

11. Roy (b. June 16, 1895-d. Nov. 6, 1954), Dillon, Mont. Had one son, George.

12. Clyde G. (b. June 26, 1895-d. Nov. 30, 1975), Boonville, Mo. Married Mable Metcalf. There were 4 children; John Metz (m. 1. Dorothy Miller, 2. Evelyn Kirby); Stanley Eugene (m. Judith Mae Woods); Wm. Jewell (m. 1. Mary Smith 2. Mary L. Hawkins); and Mary Edwarda (Mrs. Charles Robb).

Two other children, Sarah and John, died as small children and are buried with other family members at the Ivy Cemetery near Gravois Mills. There are many other descendants of John and Olivann Webster, but space prevents their listing. The large Webster clan has truly left its mark on the pages of Morgan County's history. *submitted by Lu Alice Kidwell Real*

## WILLIAM WELL M.D.

Dr. William Well was born in Maries County, Mo., died May 5, 1943 at his home in Versailles, buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

He attended public schools and studied medicine at St. Louis, Chicago and New York City. He served his internship at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

He came to Versailles in 1899 and practiced medicine until his death.

He was mayor of Versailles for 12 years and during his mayorship the first city hall was built in Versailles on North Fisher street.

He was married to Ella Daugherty, deceased. They had no children.

## HENRY K. WELPMAN

H.K. Welpman played an important role in New Stover, Morgan County, MO. He was born on April 16, 1876 in Wassenburg, Germany, Province of Hanover. His father, William F. Welpman, was a farmer who made the decision to immigrate to the United States after his wife died. Compulsory military training for twelve year old boys prompted him to bring his four sons — Henry K., August, Louis, and William, and two daughters, Mrs. Sam Meinershagen (Hannah), and Miss Ollie Welpman to America in 1883. They arrived on the east coast and made their way west, traveling the last leg of their journey to Boonville by way of steamboat. From there, they traveled by rail to Lafayette County and settled North of Higginsville, Missouri.

In 1902, H.K. Welpman married Georgina Marie Anne Meyer (1878-1960) of Concordia, Missouri. They moved to Gravois Mills where he opened a general merchandising store and served as postmaster.

When they learned of a new town springing up in western Morgan County, H.K., along with his brother, William, opened a mercantile store (on the site of the present Stover Hatchery) which became Stover's leading business for the next 15 years. The Welpman Brothers sold the store in 1918.

During his early years in Stover, Welpman was postmaster from 1904 to 1913, appointed by Henry Payne, Postmaster General of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Welpman

He served with M.P. Hughes, Henry Tambke, John Kraxberger, and B.T. Vickrey on the first Board of Trustees for the village in 1906.

In 1916, Welpman was elected as Morgan County Representative to the 49th General Assembly and served from 1917 to 1919.

Along with H.A. Harrell, Dr. Chas. Wiest, W.E. Jolly, E.J. Fry, and Henry Dohrman, he served as director of the Stover Public School system in 1915. He was also cashier and board member of the Stover Bank in 1915.

After selling the store, the H.K. Welpman family moved to Parkville where he was engaged in Horticulture, primarily in the production of apples. In 1924, he moved his family to Conway, Missouri, but remained there only one year.

He returned to Stover and entered the Mercantile business again and to a limited degree, in the field of horticulture.

In 1931, Henry and his son-in-law, Albert Fajen, opened Missouri Goldfish Hatchery Northwest of Stover, a business in which family members still holds interests, and is still in operation.

He served as Mayor of Stover from 1947 to 1952, and he died January 19, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Welpman had five children: Elry Welpman, Alva Welpman Small, Maurine Welpman Fajen, Fern Welpman Cooper, and Carol Welpman.

H.K. Welpman encouraged and inspired his family and fellow citizens toward progress, Community Betterment, and love of Country. *by Albert Fajin*

## ELMER WELTY

Elmer Welty was born near Latham, Missouri in Moniteau County, January 2, 1890. His parents, Anna Hofstetter and William E. Welty moved here in 1882, from Wayne County, Ohio. Anna was the daughter of Katharina Gilliom and John E. Hofstetter. Ulrich Welty, Elmer's grandfather, was born June 8, 1821 in Tscheiwo, Canton Bern, Switzerland and came to America with his parents in 1824. He married Maria Lehman, daughter of Maria and Abraham Lehman. Ulrich's parents were Peter Welty and Barbara Garber of Bareyg, Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Ulrich's citizenship papers were issued May 15, 1820. They first lived in Sonnenberg, Wayne County, Ohio where there was a Swiss Settlement. Ulrich moved to Moniteau County, Mo., settling near Latham, in the Bethel community. When William married he bought the farm from his father, but Ulrich and Maria still lived there. Maria spoke only German, the rest learning the English language. Ulrich was a school teacher and kept a brief history of the Welty's. William, Elmer's father, was an active participant in all religious gatherings, not only in the home congregation, but in other religious bodies, such as County S.S. Convention, the presidency of which he held for four years.

Wm. Welty Family
*Seated:* Walter, Mrs. Anna, Clara, William, Elvin. *Standing:* Millie, Elmer, Libbie.

William and Anna's children were: "Millie" born 1884, married Leon Von Gunten, children: Geraldine, Paul and Iola, family living in Berne, Indiana; Walter born 1886, died 1973, Single, in World War I in France; Henry born and died 1887; "Libbie" born 1888, married Peter Lehman, children: Pollyanna, Juanita, Barbara, Wavelene, William and Roe Allan, living Decatur, Indiana; Elmer born 1890, married Ruth Charles, Versailles; Ervin born 1893, died 1975, Single, in World War I; Clara born 1897, Single, Versailles. All born on the Welty farm, attended school at West View and church at Bethel. All children spoke German and English. At home they spoke more German because their mother understood German better.

Elmer Welty, raised on the Welty farm, took up the carpenter trade and later worked at the M.F.A. Elevator. In 1926 he became manager of the Fortuna Elevator and while there they bought the first radio, Atwater Kent, in town. At that time the radios had ear phones, only one could listen at a time. June 11, 1928 Elmer married Ruth Charles, daughter of Alpha Newkirk and Sam Charles. Ruth, born in 1901 three miles east of Fortuna, was teaching in the grade school in Versailles at time of their marriage.

In 1935 they moved to Versailles where Elmer managed the MFA Elevator and Ruth was his bookkeeper. It was that year that the new elevator was built on West Newton Street and in 1978 it was torn down and a new one built on Highway 5 and 52.

Leaving Versailles, they were manager and bookkeeper of Producers Exchange in Sedalia two years and of Farmer's Elevator in Clinton 14 years.

In 1959 they retired in Versailles where they built a new home at 414 North Walnut Street. Elmer took much pride in his home, many times winning the "Award of the Month" for his lawn and was still winning best Christmas decoration of their home in 1977 when he was 87 years old.

Both are members of the Versailles United Methodist Church, where Ruth sang in the church choir many years and Elmer served on the church board. Elmer is a member of Versailles Masonic Lodge and both members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Elmer helped organize the Morgan County Bank and both are Charter and Life members of the Morgan County Historical Society. Elmer did a lot of carpenter work getting the Martin Hotel in shape for a museum. *Omega Hutchison*

## ABRAHAM WENGER

Abraham Wenger migrated from Melrose, Rockingham County, Virginia in 1869 with his wife, Sarah Geil Wenger and children, John, Mary, Michael, Abraham, Priscilla and Louis. His great grandfather, Christian Wenger, emigrated from Switzerland in 1727 and located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Joseph Wenger, a son, migrated to Rockingham County, Virginia in 1785. There they and other relatives resided during the Civil War. Abraham made an exploratory trip to Missouri and came a year later by train with his family to a farm 7 miles northeast of Versailles, now owned by the Holsopple Trust. Here they toiled with other pioneers to make a home. One of the common occurrences was a prairie fire. Such an occasion caused him to leave his bed during a sickness to fight fire. He died in 1870, having been here less than a year. The family stayed together and under the leadership of the oldest son, John, aged 20, were able to stay.

John, after quite a career in farming and business, married Katie Bowman. They went to Florida for his health. He died leaving no children.

Mary married Lewis Shank. They made their home at various places in Morgan County and Johnson County. They had 8 children; Sallie, John, Mollie, Joe, Emma, Charles, Fannie, and Rose, none of which are living. They all settled outside the county.

Michael married Rose Welty, had 4 children, Sadie, Ira, Frank, and Paul, and moved to Newton, Kansas and Idaho. One, Frank, lives in Idaho. The rest are all deceased.

Abraham married Carrie Lehman and settled near home on the farm now owned by Roy Wenger. They had six children, Willie, Bessie, Dan, Jesse, Ed, and Okley. Willie and Okley died in early manhood. Dan lives in Idaho, Bessie died in 1960, Jesse resides on the home place, and Ed is in California. Jesse had six children who grew to maturity: Viola, Mrs. Sam Ramer, who had two children; Albert, 7 children; Norman, one child; Paul, four children, living at Hesston, Kansas; and Bertha, Mrs. Paul Swarr, three children, a missionary in Israel. Roy, continuing to live on the farm, has 9 children, some of whom are married and live in other states. Roy has the Versailles Truck and Tractor business.

Priscilla married W.W. Holsopple and lived until her death in 1930 on the homestead settled by the Wengers in 1869, now owned by the Holsopple Trust. They had four children; Joe, John, Lewis, and Mary. Joe married in Iowa and resided there. He had three daughters and is now deceased. John died in young manhood. Lewis married Anna Shantz of Oklahoma and resided on one of the farms now in the Holsopple Trust. He died October, 1977. His children were John, Walter, who died in 1970, and Clara. John and Clara reside in a new home built on the family farm. Mary did not marry, and has had a nursing and missionary career. She resides with John and Clara.

Louis married Sarah and Mary Lehman. He had five children; Orva married and had one daughter, Sara married and had five children, Isaac, Lettie, and Wilmer. Orva and Isaac are not living. Sarah and Lettie married and live in Iowa. Wilmer has a family of two children in Minnesota. Isaac established the business of Wenger's Farm Equipment of which his son, I.A., is manager.

## ISAAC ARMIN WENGER

History informs us that the name Wenger originated from a range of mountains near Berne, Switzerland, bearing our family name. Christian Wenger came from Germany to America, September 30, 1727 and settled in Lancaster Co., Pa. It is not positvely known, but is supposed that he was a Mennonite. His son, Joseph, emigrated to Virginia and was the father of 18 children, one being another Joseph. This Joseph's son, Abraham, a farmer and mechanic, married Sarah Giel and they came to Morgan County in 1869, settling on a farm northeast of Versailles.

Ike Wenger Family
Florence and Ike, *Seated. Standing, r-l:* Letha, I.A. and Ila.

Abraham has been described as a stout, hearty, robust man, possessing an inexhaustible supply of ingenuity in a mechanical way. This description will in later years aptly describe Abraham's grandson, Ike Wenger, who was to become this writer's father. Abraham and Sarah were the parents of eight children: John, Mary, Joseph, Michael, Barbara, Abraham, Priscilla, and Lewis.

Lewis married Sarah Lehman and their children are: Orva and Sarah. Lewis' second wife was Mary J. Lehman (sister of his first wife). The children of this marriage are: Isaac Abraham (Ike), Lettie Ruth, and John Wilmer.

Ike married Dora Florence Kidwell, and after living on a farm for a few years, in 1921 opened an automotive business in Versailles. Later he established a farm machinery business, which still continues as Wenger's Farm Equip. Co. The children born to them were: Ila Erin, Letha Maxine, and Isaac Armin (I.A.).

Ila married Elvin Hutchison and lived the greater part of her life in Morgan County.

Letha married Charles K. Carson and has since lived in Wyoming. Their daughter, Lana, now lives in Texas. Lana married Dennis Brown and has two sons, Kevin and Cory.

I.A. has been in Versailles all of his life, with the exception of his service years during World War II. He became affiliated with his father in the family business, and in 1961 I.A. purchased the business and continues to operate it. He married Shirley Ann Scrivner of Stover, and their only child is Teri Gayle. Teri lives in Versailles, where she is employed by the Bank of Versailles. She is married to David L. Nations, and has a daughter, Kimberly Erin.

To the memory of our ancestors and parents, we hand down this history to our children and grandchildren, in whom we hope to see the continuation of our blessings and privileges. *by I.A. Wenger*

## ANDREW FORREST WHITE

Andrew was born July 7, 1911, in Richmond, Ray County, Missouri. He is the son of Newton Richard White, born November 30, 1869-died February 4, 1949, and Jennie Lisbeth (Farrar) White, born October 25, 1884-died July 7, 1966. They were married December 13, 1905, Liberty, Missouri.

Andrew grew up both in Richmond and on the farm. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Richmond and is a graduate of Richmond High School.

He received an Associate of Arts Degree from Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia, with a Bachelor of Sci-

Andrew Forrest White

Bonnelle Elona White

ence Degree in Agriculture, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

On July 3, 1936, at Richmond, Missouri, he married Bonnelle Elona Manley, born December 31, 1910, daughter of William Robert Manley, Sr., born November 24, 1877 in Ray County, Missouri, died January 11, 1955 in Richmond, Missouri, and Daisie Margaretta (Lee) Manley, born in Elba, Orleans County, New York, March 15, 1878-died in Richmond, Missouri, June 4, 1943.

Bonnelle was member of the Richmond Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a graduate of Richmond High School. She is a member of the Brown-Rives Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

At Christian College, Columbia, Missouri, she received an Associate of Arts Degree, with a major in political science. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Her major was political science and English. She is a member of the Christian College Lineage Alumna, a member of the National Christian College Alumna, and a member of the University of Missouri, Columbia, Alumna Association. She was a charter member of the Beta Alpha, Delta State, Delta Kappa Gamma, an international teachers' honor society, of Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles Counties of Missouri. She is now a member of the Alpha Omega, Delta State, Delta Kappa Gamma.

Andrew was the vocational agriculture instructor in the Morgan County R II School System from 1951-1963. Bonnelle was an English teacher in both the Versailles Junior and Senior Highs.

In 1971, Bonnelle retired at the close of the school year of the Warren County R II System, where she had been an English teacher in the junior high. Andrew retired in 1976 from the same school system, completing forty years of service as a vocational agriculture instructor in Missouri.

He received the American Farmer's Degree from the National Future Farmers of America at their 1976 National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Andrew and Bonnelle are the parents of Andrew Nicholas White, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and, (LeeAnna White), Mrs. Robert Fox, Annadale, Virginia. They were graduates of Versailles High School.

The Whites have been residents of Versailles since 1977 when they came back to Morgan County to retire. Bonnelle, her brother, James Thornton Manley, and the estate of Daisie (Lee) Manley, her mother, own property in Morgan County which was purchased by them in 1932. *by Bonnelle White*

## ANDREW NICHOLAS WHITE

Andrew Forrest White, born July 7, 1911, in Richmond, Missouri, and Bonnelle Elona (Manley) White, born December 31, 1910, in Richmond, Missouri, were married on July 3, 1936, in Richmond, Ray County, Missouri.

Andrew Nicholas and Janice Rae White, Michael and Marcia Rae

They are the parents of Andrew Nicholas White, born August 31, 1937, in Kansas City, Missouri. Their home was in Hatfield, Harrison County, Missouri. His father was the vocational agriculture instructor in high school.

Nicholas lived in Sheridan, Rockingham, and Smithville, Missouri. He came with his parents and his sister, LeeAnna, to Versailles, Morgan County, Missouri, in 1951, where his family lived until 1963. His father was the vocational agriculture instructor of Versailles High School. His mother was an English teacher in junior high and then taught in the high school from 1959-1963.

His parent's home was in Ironton, Missouri where they taught in the Arcadia Valley School System from 1963-1965; Andrew was the vocational agriculture instructor and Bonnelle was the special education instructor. They taught in the Warrenton School System from 1965-1976. They retired in Versailles in 1977.

Nicholas is a 1956 Versailles High School graduate. He received an Associate of Arts Degree, with a major in biological science, from Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree, with a major in biological science, from Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri.

For further study in the biological science area, he attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, Southwestern Arkansas University, and North Carolina State University during summer sessions.

Andrew N. White began his teaching career in 1962 when he graduated from Missouri Valley College. He was employed as a biology instructor by the Grandview, Missouri, Public School System. At the present time he is continuing his teaching there as a biology instructor.

He and his wife, Janice Rae (Campbell) White, born May 15, 1943, Schenectady, New York, daughter of Raymond Campbell and Elma (Siedamen) Campbell of Overland Park, Kansas, have a son, Michael Andrew, born September 30, 1974, and a daughter, Marcia Rae, born February 4th, 1976; both were born in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Janice is a graduate of the University of Kansas. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in music.

Their home is in Shawnee Mission, Kansas and they are members of Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church. *by Bonnelle White*

## BONNELLE LEEANNA WHITE

On August 15, 1941, in Maryville, Missouri, Andrew F. White, born July 7, 1911, and Bonnelle Elona (Manley) White, born December 31, 1910, became the parents of a daughter, Bonnelle LeeAnna. They had a son, Andrew Nicholas, four years old.

Bonnelle LeeAnna

At that time the family home was in Sheridan, Missouri, Worth County, where LeeAnna's and Nicholas' father was the vocational agriculture instructor in the high school.

In 1943 they moved to Rockingham, Ray County, Missouri, where Andrew F. taught vocational agriculture and Nicholas attended his first grade at Stratton, a country school.

In 1944, the family moved to Smithville, Clay County, Missouri, where LeeAnna's father was the vocational agriculture instructor. LeeAnna entered her first year of school here in 1947.

In 1951, the opportunity to teach in Versailles, near the Lake of the Ozarks, was offered to LeeAnna's and Nicholas' father. They were all anxious to come. Andrew would teach vocational agriculture and Bonnelle would teach English, social studies, and art in the junior high. In 1959 she became a high school English teacher, teaching until 1963.

Versailles was LeeAnna's and Nicholas' home until they graduated from Versailles High School and entered college. LeeAnna is a graduate of Christian College, Columbia, Missouri, with an Associate of Arts Degree, a major in Commerce and a minor in music and psychology. She is a member of the Christian College Lineage Alumna and a member of the National Christian College Alumna.

She attended classes and seminars at Central Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Missouri Western College, and Nebraska State University, Omaha for preparation in the areas of Social Services and Humanities.

She held a position in the office of the Iowa State Health Department at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

She and her husband, Robert A. Fox, live with their sons, Shawn Lee Zembles, fifteen, and Shane Lee Zembles, thirteen, in Annadale, Virginia. Robert is employed by the United States Department of Agriculture in the Division of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. *by Bonnelle White*

## GLENN DEAN WHITE

Glenn Dean White was born April 11, 1947, in Morgan County at Glensted, MO; parents are Lloyd L. White, 1927, and Nellie Graham White, 1919. My grandparents are Ed White, 1891, and Tracy Ash White, 1902, Martin (Buck) Graham, 1886, and Ida Doral Graham 1887. My great grandparents were Nelson White, 1862, born in Estill County, Kentucky, who moved to Missouri at the age of four years with his parents, Henry White, 1827.

I was born in a small three-room house and was brought into the world by the late Dr. Gunn with the assistance of Mrs. Jackie (Marge) Gunn.

I lived with my parents four years in Glensted and then we moved to a farm near Eldon, Missouri, where my Dad farmed and ran an electric company for six years. While living on the farm, I attended school at Olean for my first four years.

In 1955, I had a pet cat that had kittens in the hay loft of the barn between the bales. I was so anxious to see the kittens and not being able to find a flashlight, I used matches and burned the barn down. Dad was gone at the time and received the word that "your boy burned," and for my part that was good, because he was so relieved to find out that it was the barn that he forgot my punishment. But I did learn my lesson — you don't play with matches.

In 1957, my parents and I moved back to Versailles and I started the fifth grade in the old High School on the top floor. June 20, 1958, my brother, David Lloyd was born and I had a playmate. After moving to Versailles, I became involved in a lot of activities in school; track, basketball, baseball and was in band under the direction of Maurice LaRue. I also became involved in church activities at the Versailles Christian Church. I was a Life Scout with the Boy Scouts and a den leader for the Cub Scouts. In 1961, I became an Explorer Scout and we took a canoe trip in Canada under the supervision of our fearless leader "Slick" Slevins.

In 1965, I graduated from Morgan County R-II School. This is where I met my wife, Carol Rosalyn Hoskins (April 5, 1947) the daughter of John Ellis and Maxie Hoskins who lived on a dairy farm four miles east of Versailles.

We were married July 19, 1965 by the Rev. J.L. Freeman. We were living and working at a service station at the junction of 5 and 52 east of Versailles, and on January 26, 1966, our home and job were destroyed by fire. There was a skating rink, real estate office, cafe, garage, service station and our apartment there, and they were burned to the ground. I then went to work for Versailles Truck and Tractor Company. A short time later in 1966, we lost our first child, Tammy Sue.

Carol and I continued to work with the Christian Church serving as choir leader, Sunday School teachers, Sunday School Superintendent, and youth directors.

I went to work for Morgan County Gas, Co. in 1967 and in 1970 decided to go into business with my Dad and formed what is now White Electric and Refrigeration Co., Inc. In the late 1960's, I became interested in the Fire Department, and Chief Gene Bartram presented me with a hook and ladder badge which I still carry and am a willing volunteer. I also worked part time on the Police Department under Chief Sonny Colvin.

After losing our second child at birth in 1971, we decided to adopt. We were blessed on June 19, 1972 with picking up our adopted son, Dana Kirk, who was born on May 8, 1972.

In 1973, I became interested in the art of broom making and found that my great grandfather, Nelson White, was a shoe cobbler and broom maker. I received his old broom making machine from my grandparents, Ed White of Glensted and restored it to the original condition. Then I began to make brooms as a hobby; raising the broom corn myself on my father-in-law's farm east of Versailles.

In 1976, being a part of a group of concerned citizens to save human lives, we decided to form the Morgan County Rescue Squad. On May 2, 1977, our goal was reached and the four charter members, C. Roy Jones, M.B. Jones, Dan Cable

and myself started operation of the new organization which now has twenty-six members. In March 1978, I was elected chief of the Rescue Squad and am still serving in that capacity. *by Glenn White*

## HENRY McCOY WHITE

Henry, father of Newton Richard, grandfather of Andrew Forrest White, began the history of the White families in Peddlers Mills, Amhurst County, Virginia.

Henry McCoy and Anna White

Newton R. and Jennie Lisbeth White

The first White mentioned was Merritt C. White. He was a captain in the Revolutionary War and died in 1777.

Merritt M. White, son of Merritt C., born in Peddlers Mills on October 27, 1777-died April 6, 1861, in Ray County, Missouri. Merritt M. married Judith Polly Mc, born 1792-died 1867. Both are buried in the New Hope Cemetery in Ray County in the area called "New Hope Country". Merritt M. was a captain in the War of 1812.

In 1838 William Alexander, the only child, born May 17, 1820-died June 20, 1901, came with his parents, Merritt M. and Judith Polly, through the "Cumberland Gap", over the "Wilderness Trail", then by river boat up the Missouri River, to the Bluffton Landing, Ray County, Missouri.

North of here they cleared the land for tobacco crops. Eleven children were born on the homestead. They made their permanent homes here on the five hundred acres and additional land.

This area called "New Hope Country", was named after their First Primitive Baptist Church established in 1839. Merritt M. gave the land for the church and the New Hope Cemetery beside it. In 1872 the third church was erected on its foundations. It has been preserved through the years and is in use. The relatives of these pioneer families regard the cemetery as the family cemetery today.

Other Amhurst County Virginians, relatives of the White Family, soon followed them. The Browns and the Rimmers settled with them in township fifty-one, section four and nine, range twenty-eight.

On November 17, 1842, William Alexander White, eldest son of Merritt M., married Anna Elizabeth Williams, born 1822-died 1900, daughter of Elder James Williams and Mary McCoy Williams of Clay County, Missouri.

Henry White, eldest of twelve children was born September 22, 1843 on the original homestead. He farmed with his father and also taught the children of the Whites, Browns, and Rimmers. At first the school was called Storm, then it was renamed the Columbia, and finally named the White School.

Henry joined the Union Army in 1862 under Col. John B. Hicks, Fourth Missouri Provisional Infantry. Mustered out, he returned to "New Hope Country" and bought a farm.

On February 28, 1867, he married Maude Anna Liza Rimmer, born 1851-died January 25, 1928. There were twelve children from this marriage.

In 1908 Henry and Anna moved to Richmond. They attended the First Christian Church, where Henry was an active member and layman. He was an outstanding Bible authority.

Henry died December 29, 1934 and was buried in the New Hope Cemetery next to Anna who had died seven years before. They were survived by ten children.

Newton, the second eldest son of Henry and Anna, was born on his father's farm in "New Hope Country", on November 30, 1869-died February 4, 1949.

On December 13, 1905, in Liberty, Missouri, he married Jennie Lisbeth Farrar, born October 25, 1884-died July 7, 1966. She was the daughter of Joseph Farrar, born June 22, 1859-died November 22, 1915, and Sarah (Akers) Farrar, born August 9, 1862-died September 10, 1937. Newton was a grocer from 1909-1941 when he retired in Richmond, Missouri.

Their children are Clara Belle, (Mrs. Albert Hewit), born July 28, 1903, and Andrew Forrest, born July 7, 1911, in Ray County, Missouri. *by Bonnelle White*

## LLOYD LEO WHITE

Lloyd Leo White was born to Edwin Lee (1891) and Tracy Ash White (1902), who now reside in Glensted, Missouri and is the fifth child in a family of eight children, of whom six are still living. They are Wanda Lee Zimmerman (1920) now re-

siding in California, Missouri; Carlos White (1921) of Versailles; Margarete Williams (1923) of Glensted, Juanita White (1929) of Kansas City and Donna Carroll (1938) of Bunceton. Two brothers (1925 and 1931) died in infancy. Ed White, his father, the second of five children born to Nelson Lee (1862) and Georgia Ann (Baslee) White (1870) was born October 3, 1891. He is a retired farmer and worked part time on the railroad. His mother, Tracy Ash, was second child of a family of eleven children of Porter and Rosetta (Flippin) Ash who resided at California, Missouri.

Nelson White (1862) paternal grandfather, one of eleven children born to Henry Francis (1827) and Elizabeth Winkler White (1832) came to Missouri with his parents from Estill County, Kentucky in 1866 at the age of four years. Nelson was a miller by trade, also a shoe cobbler and maker of brooms. He resided in Glensted, Missouri.

Lloyd was born May 26, 1927, on a farm just north of Glensted, and spent most of his childhood years assisting with farm labor. He attended grade school at Glensted.

He was married February 25, 1945 to Nellie Graham born November 26, 1919 and raised on a farm near Eldon, Missouri, one of a family of seven children of Martin Buckner and Ida Dorl Graham, six of which are still living.

Lloyd served in the United States Air Corps in World War II as an Electrical Engineer with the 1504 Air Transport of Fairfield, California.

Lloyd and Nellie have two sons, Glenn Dean born April 11, 1947 and David Lloyd born June 20, 1958.

After farming with his father-in-law near Eldon, owning an adjoining farm, and also operating an electrical business of his own; he and his family came to Versailles in September, 1957 to manage the Uregas Service here.

Later Lloyd worked for Versailles Truck and Tractor for a time then operated a Phillips 66 Service Station just outside the city limits of Versailles.

We purchased an 80-acre farm, known as the Jake Morris property, on Highway 52 between Versailles and Stover in June 1964 where we now reside.

Lloyd started an electrical and refrigeration business in Versailles and was later joined by his son, Glenn. They operate under the name of White Electric and Refrigeration Co., Inc. at this time.

He farms and raises black angus cattle as a sideline and also has honeybees as a hobby.

Glenn was married to Carol Rosalyn Hoskins, born April 5, 1947 to John and Maxie Hoskins of Versailles on July 19, 1965. They lost two children in infancy, Tammy Sue, 1966 and another in 1971. They have one son Dana Kirk, born May 8, 1972. Glenn and his family reside in Versailles. Glenn has his great grandfather's broom machine (renovated) and makes brooms as a hobby.

David Lloyd was married to Deborah Louise Crabtree, (born to James and Carolyn Crabtree, October 24, 1960) on May 27, 1978 and has employment with Missouri Utilities Company of Versailles. Debbie has employment with Morgan County Printers in Versailles. They reside in the Forest Hills addition of Versailles.

Lloyd, his wife and their two sons, Glenn and David with their wives are members of and work in the Christian Church of Versailles. *submitted by Lloyd White*

## NELSON WHITE

Nelson White was born in Estill County, Ky. Nov. 18, 1862, one of eleven children born to Henry (1827-1917) and Elizabeth Winkler White (1832-1889). At the age of four he came to Missouri with his parents, who settled near Boonville, later moving to Clarksburg, where Henry and Elizabeth are buried.

Nelson was married April 11, 1888 to Georgia Ann Baslee (1870-1901). Their children: Emma (1889-1897); Edwin Lee (1891); Dallas (1893); Dulcie, (1895-1902) and Archie (1897-1970).

Nelson White with sons Ed., Dallas and Archie

Nelson operated a mill at Glensted for a number of years. He was also a shoe cobbler and made brooms at his home. A great-grandson, Glenn White, now operates Nelson's renovated broom machine as a hobby.

Edwin Lee married Dec. 24, 1919 Tracy Ash (1902). They farmed near Glensted until his retirement when he moved into Glensted, where he and Tracy still live. They will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary this year, 1978.

Their children are: Wanda (1920) married to Walter Zimmerman of California, Mo. They are parents of Walter Lee, married to Sue Powell, no children; Barbara, married to Dennis King, Boonville, whose children are Jammie, Carmen and Roberta.

Carlos (1921) of Versailles, married to Evelyn Coffee, Texas. Their children, Kay Bowers Rudd (deceased) bearing Russell and Sherrie Bowers and a deceased infant. Sue Bowers Poole, Texas, one child, Jennifer. Nancy Kumberg Stafford of Marshall, one child, Kenneth Kumberg. Dwayne married Rhonda Towles, one son, Nicky. Sandy is unmarried.

Margarete (1923) of Glensted, married Art Reese (deceased) later Cecil Williams (deceased). Her daughter is Lee Reese, married to Ross Collins and living in Kansas City. Their daughter, Cindy, lives at Glensted.

Lloyd (1927) who with his son, Glenn, owns and operates White's Electric and Refrigeration Service at Versailles, married Nellie Graham of Eldon. Their children are, Glenn (married to Carol Hoskins, had two deceased children as infants, and a son, Dana Kirk) and David Lloyd, who married Debbie Crabtree, no children.

Juanita White (1929) lives in Kansas City, unmarried.

Donna (1939) married Roger Carroll, Boonville. Their children: Roger Carson, Julie and Jolita, all unmarried. Jeanelle Baslee Smith, Boonville, with two children, Ricky and Jimmy Baslee.

Dallas married April 2, 1916 to Gertie Akin (1889-1941). Their children: David Nelson (1917) who married Louise Hunter. Two children are Paul Eugene, who married Susan Humphrey (whose children are Ginger, Cindy, Cristy and David Michael) and Connie, who married Danny Goetze (two

children, Melissa and Michael). Dallas still resides in Versailles.

Dorothea (1921) married Joe Woods, no children. Reed (1924-1926).

Archie (1897-1970) married June 19, 1924 to Anna Smith (1905-1923). They are parents of Raymond (1923) Columbia, married to Lorna Coons. Their children: David, unmarried; Judy, married to Richard Johnson (two children, Jennifer and Rebecca). On June 19, 1932 Archie married Merle Blesdoe Phillips, who lives in Columbia.

Carlos and Lloyd, sons of Edwin, David Nelson, son of Dallas, and Raymond, son of Archie, were in military service in World War II. Walter Lee, son of Walter and Wanda Zimmerman served in Vietnam and Thailand during the Vietnam conflict. *by Wanda Lee Zimmerman*

## PAUL WHITE

Paul White was born in 1786 in Rhode Island, and came to Ohio with his parents as a small child. After the Louisiana Purchase, some time around 1816 or 1817, he and his wife Mary, and his brother James, and their families started for Missouri in covered wagons. James and his family stopped in Illinois. Paul and his family continued on to Missouri and homesteaded 640 acres of land in the Richland area.

Seth Clark White and wife Sophia

Paul and Mary were the parents of 12 children; Isaac, Abigail, Daniel, James, Anna, Susanna, Ephram, Paul Sprague, Seth Clark, Katherine Elizabeth, Hannah, and Sihon. Most of the children settled in mid Missouri. There are a lot of Whites in mid Missouri. In those days, there were many Indians, deer, and bear in these parts. One of the boys was killed, and the rumors were that it had been done by the Indians. But no one knows for sure. Being farmers, they had no trouble with the Indians.

Seth Clark (born 1828), when a young man, built a log house about 1½ miles south of Florence. (it still stands). He married Sophia Nitzert, who came to Missouri from Germany. They were the parents of 12 children; twins who died at birth, Caturra, George, Jacob, Sarah, Sophia, Conrad, Samuel, Seth Clark, II, Mary, and Henry. He served in the Civil War and drew a small veteran's pension. In their later years, they bought a house and lot in Florence (about 1900). He died in 1909, and she died in 1916 at the home of their daughter, Sophia Swinn. Caturra died young, leaving three daughters and one son. All the rest of the children, except Sophia and Henry, stayed in Morgan County and reared their families which are now scattered all over the United States.

Seth Clark White II and Family

Seth Clark II (born 1871), bought land north of Florence and built a home. He married Lucy Lee Shaw, and they had five children, Seth Clark, III, Margaret, William, Oretha, and Agusta. They left Morgan County in 1929, and moved to Sedalia, Mo. And again now two sons of Oretha, John and Gerald Wolf, have bought land and built homes on 135 highway about 2½ miles north of Florence, and 1½ miles west of the Seth Clark, II land just off township line 45 and range 19. *by Oretha White Wolf*

## ARTHUR MONROE WHITTLE

Arthur Monroe Whittle was born in Miller County, Mo. Oct. 30, 1884, the son of James B. and Mary Ann Keeth Whittle.

He was the great-grandson of Joseph and Rumina Whittle, who came to Miller County from Kentucky in about 1841, and the grandson of Peter J. and Sarilda Hoskins Whittle. (See Joseph and Rumina Whittle story.)

He was married April 26, 1908 to Sallie Belle Long, born Dec. 27, 1890, daughter of Amber and Martha Lenore Long of Pulaski County, Mo. She died Oct. 2, 1973, buried in Sedalia.

Arthur and Sallie started their married life opening a small country store near Richland, Mo. and in 1912 moved their store to a site near Iberia, Mo., where they also operated a grist mill. They lived there until about 1918, when they sold their home and business and bought a farm southeast of Versailles, Mo. They farmed there until 1920, when they sold out and moved to Sedalia, Mo.

In Sedalia Arthur operated a fruit and vegetable business and later opened a furniture store on Main Street. This was his business for many years until his retirement.

They had ten children, two dying in infancy. Roy was born Jan. 31, 1910 and died the same day. He is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery south of Iberia. A daughter, Mary Velma, was born Dec. 20, 1919 and died Aug. 4, 1921. She is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia.

Orville William Whittle, was born July 31, 1909. He married Mary Lucille Thompson, born May 5, 1912, on April 10, 1934. Their children are Carolyn Sue, b. Feb. 15, 1935, married John F. Mitchell, b. Oct. 27, 1934 (whose children are Steven Michael, Apr. 20, 1959; Robert Alan, Nov. 9, 1961; John William, Mar. 14, 1964 and William Walter, born Dec. 11, 1938; married Peggy Daugherty, b. Nov. 14, 1930, their children Su-

san Marie, b. July 19, 1961, Barbara Ann, July 19, 1961 and Michael, May 27, 1970.)

Claudine Whittle, born June 30, 1913, married Rynaldo Sam Potter May 17, 1931. He was born April 8, 1909. Their children, Stanley Wayne, b. Nov. 11, 1933, married Suzanne Jackling, b. Feb. 12, 1940. (Their children Sheryl Lynn, Oct. 14, 1960, Kristana Jean, Jan. 6, 1962, Jacquelyn Suzanne, Mar. 1, 1963) and Stanley Wayne, Jr. Aug. 28, 1968.

Larry Dean Potter, born Mar. 2, 1940, married Carol Thompson, born Oct. 18, 1937 (their children Kimberly Maroe, June 11, 1964, and Shelly Marie, Jan. 14, 1970.)

Laveta Nadine Whittle, born June 23, 1915, married Archie Schechinski, b. Sept. 8, 1922, on Aug. 12, 1961. Her son by a former marriage to Hugh Dickerson (deceased) is Robert Dale Dickerson, b. Nov. 25, 1934, married Vesper McCabe (their daughter, Carcie Lynn, b. Jan. 16, 1979) and her daughter, Linda Gayle Dickerson, b. Dec. 11, 1942 (married Wm. H. Thompson, b. Feb. 23, 1942, their children, Gayle Elaine, Apr. 13, 1960 and Billie Sue, Aug. 22, 1962).

Lelah Fern Whittle, born Dec. 25, 1918, married Lloyd G. Laney May 22, 1961. Her children by a former marriage to Leo Bopp, are Mary Susan Bopp, June 6, 1942, married Paul Albert Norris Dec. 26, 1964. (Their children, Theresa Meredith, Dec. 20, 1965 and Cynthia Ann, April 19, 1967.) Theresa Ann Bopp, Mar. 24, 1945, married Michael Forrest Hovis, July 23, 1966 (their children, Amy Elizabeth, Mar. 2, 1967, Matthew Forrest, Nov. 13, 1968 and Susan Ann, Nov. 5, 1970).

Thelma D. Whittle, b. Nov. 8, 1921, married William H. Schneider Aug. 27, 1942. He was born Aug. 18, 1916, died Sept. 16, 1966. No children.

Arthur J. Whittle, born July 26, 1924, married Marjorie E. Miller, May 4, 1946. She was born Aug. 15, 1922. (Their children, Ronald James, Aug. 8, 1947, married Judith Ann Smith, May 23, 1971, whose children are Eric Michael, Aug. 13, 1973, Carrie Ann, May 2, 1975 and Jeremy David, July 26, 1978.) Joyce Ann, born Mar. 24, 1955, married Paul E. Bianchi, Dec. 10, 1976. One child, Brian James, July 25, 1976. Janice Lee, born July 18, 1962. Not married.

Harold Ray Whittle, born Sept. 5, 1926, married Feb. 5, 1950 to June Storrer, born June 7, 1926 (their children, Carol Elaine, Dec. 27, 1951, and Nancie Jean, June 19, 1955, married Donald Hull June 1, 1974, their child, Abraham, born July 3, 1976.)

Lester Lee Whittle, born 1930, married May 26, 1952 to Anita Frances Self, b. Dec. 13, 1931. Their children Rebecca Lynn, Aug., 1954, Beth Ann, Oct. 28, 1955 and John Lester, Mar. 7, 1961. Rebecca married John Carl Kreft Mar. 16, 1974. Beth Ann married Leonard Colley, Jan. 7, 1978.

Arthur Monroe Whittle is now a resident of Good Shepherd Nursing Home at Versailles.

## JOSEPH WHITTLE

Joseph and Rumina Whittle came to Miller County, Mo. from Kentucky in about 1841. They had two sons, Levi and Peter J., and three daughters, Lucinda (Allen), Katherine (Keeth) and Anna Liza (Allen, later Long.)

Levi and Peter J. were in the Civil War and Levi was killed in action. His wife Nancy, later married Rev. Owen Workman, a Christian Church minister.

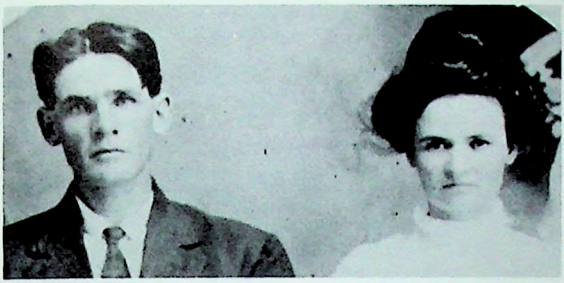
Peter J. had seven sons, John, James, George, Robert, Albert, Levi and Henry V. and four daughters, Margaret, Mary Ann, Martha and Nancy. Peter J. Whittle was born March 2, 1836 and died April 16, 1910. He married Sarilda Hoskins, who was born April 15, 1836 and died Feb. 11, 1917. They were the parents of eleven children.

James B. Whittle, born May 3, 1857, died June 2, 1938, married Mary Ann Keeth, born March 24, 1857, died April 16, 1938, on Oct. 13, 1878 in Miller County, Mo.

The children of James B. and Mary Ann Keeth Whittle were Thomas, b. July 26, 1879, died 1975, John Logan, born Jan. 28, 1881, died Sept. 10, 1977, Lenora, born Jan. 6, 1883, now of Versailles, Arthur Monroe, born Oct. 30, 1884, of Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Versailles, James Elmer, born Feb. 28, 1887, of Versailles, Cora Adella, born Nov. 16, died in 1978 in a nursing home in Kansas, William Robert, born Nov. 10, 1890, in a nursing home at Lebanon, Mo., Everett, born July 30, 1892, Stover, Mo., Dora May, born May 9, 1894, of Harper, Kan., Flora, born Jan. 20, 1896, now of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home at Versailles, and George Washington, born July 30, 1898, died Apr. 23, 1977.

James Elmer Whittle married Bertha Ellen Drace, daughter of James and Malinda Louisa Roox Drace, on Sept. 15, 1909. She was born Jan. 25, 1886 and died March 5, 1925. They had

Children of James B. and Mary Ann Keeth Whittle
*1st. row:* Thomas, Lenora, Elora, Dora, Cora and George; *Back:* Arthur, John, Elmer, Robert and Everett.



James Elmer and Bertha Drace Whittle

two daughters, Flossie (Lewis) now of Jefferson City, and Dorothy Irene (Bartram) of Versailles, and a son, who died in infancy in April, 1921.

James Elmer Whittle was married in January, 1928 to Bertha Lehman. On February 14, 1938 he was married to Gladys Crow, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C.L. Wooldridge.

Dorothy had one daughter, Ellen Yvonne Buchanan (Manley) by a first marriage. She received her R.N. degree from Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis and a B.S. degree in nursing from Washington University, St. Louis. She received a master's degree in communication arts from New York City University and is now a medical writer and lives in Manhattan, New York City. She was married and divorced from William Manley. They had no children.

Flossie Whittle married Harry C. Lewis, son of Alfred and Florence Mae Hodges Lewis. He died Oct. 23, 1974. They had five children, Jimmy C. Lewis now of Jefferson City, Marilyn Lewis (McKnight) of Jefferson City, Larry Lewis of Atlanta, Ga., John Lewis, Columbia, and Rev. David Lewis, Tipton. Jimmy Lewis has three daughters, Marilyn has a son and daughter, Larry has two sons and a daughter, John has no children, and David has two sons. Flossie Whittle Lewis has ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

For many years the family of James B. and Mary Ann Whittle set a record with eleven children in the family with no deaths for many years until Thomas H. died in his nineties.

Elmer Whittle worked for many years at W.S. Dickey Clay plant in Versailles. He was in the barbering business for a few years and in the furniture and upholstering business for several years. He retired as mail messenger of the U.S. Postoffice at Versailles.

He and his wife, Gladys, live quietly at their home on East Newton street in Versailles. HIs first wife, Bertha, is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. *By Dorothy Whittle Bartram*

## JOHN LOGAN WHITTLE

John Logan Whittle was born Jan. 28, 1881, one of eleven children of James B. and Mary Ann Keeth Whittle, in Miller County, Mo.

He grew up in Miller county and on May 4, 1902 married Mollie Aust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Aust, also of Miller County, Mo.

John and Mollie lived in Iberia, Mo., where their daughter, Pearl, was born on Feb. 22, 1904. They moved to Versailles, Mo. where their son, Earl, was born on Sept. 13, 1906. They moved to Miller county again and their daughter, Myrtle, was born there on July 22, 1908.

They returned to Versailles when Myrtle was one year old and remained on farms around that area all their life.

Five more children were born: Bert, on July 17, 1910, Josephine, May 8, 1912, Mae, July 15, 1915, Minnie, Sept. 30, 1917 and Marie, Oct. 12, 1921.

Pearl married Brady Campbell on Dec. 18, 1920 and they had one son, Wilbert Lee, who lives in Kansas City. Earl married Grace Caviness on Dec. 12, 1932 and they have five children, Velma Ruth, Johnnie, Shirley, Earl, Jr. and Carol.

Myrtle married Quincy Garrison on Aug. 26, 1944. They had no children.

Josephine, who never married, died Oct. 16, 1932 at the age of nineteen years.

Mae married Ellis Hibdon in 1936. Their children are Peggy and Ivy Ray, born at Versailles, Billy, Jackie, Connie and Betty, born at Portland, Oregon.

Minnie married Orvil Purl and they had three children, Charles and Flossie, and Gloria Don, who passed away at the age of two. Orvil died and Minnie married Val Limpic of Kansas City. They have one daughter, Linda.

Marie married Virgil Cornett on Jan. 25, 1940. They have three children, Bobby, Carolyn and Rita.

Bert married Doxie Pryor and they had no chilldren. He died Nov. 25, 1978. He and his sister, Josephine, are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Mollie Whittle died Oct. 13, 1965 and John died Sept. 11, 1977. Both are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

John worked as a farmer and for many years was a blacksmith in Marvin and Versailles. He was called one of the best horse shoers of his day. He was also a horse trader. He was an avid square dancer and won many prizes tap dancing, some after he had become an old man.

The children all attended Morgan County rural schools. The family enjoyed getting together with relatives or friends and making homemade ice cream, playing games and, when they became teen-age, they held play parties where they square danced to songs they sang, such as, "Shoo, Shoo, Fly, Don't You Bother Me", "Here Comes Sambo Through the Window" and others. The large family of children grew up with a closeness not often equaled in families. *By Myrtle Whittle Garrison*

## DIEDRICK WIECHEN

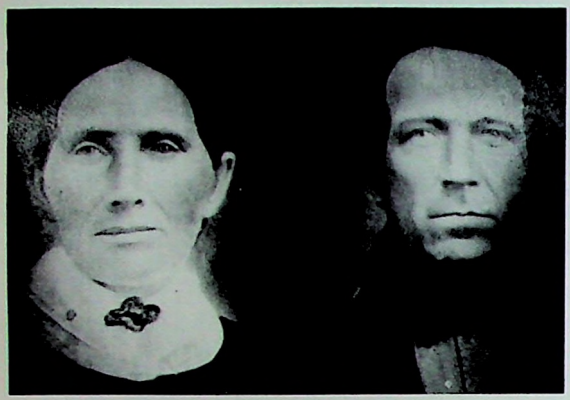
Diedrick Wiechen immigrated to the United States in 1854 with his wife, Dorethea Bull, and newborn son, Fritz. Fritz was born during the crossing of the Atlantic on April 21. Diedrick and Dorethea traveled from Hanover, Germany, and landed at Boonville, Missouri. An old family Bible records that he had one penny in his pocket when he landed. The family then moved to Morgan County where they bought land from a Heinrich H. Weichen and wife Mayret in the years 1855 and 1857. No known relationship existed between Diedrick and Heinrick.

Wiecken Family - 1915

*Back:* Dora and George; *Front:* Lena, Anna, J.D., Maggie, Emma, Lydia, John and Earnest.

Diedrick and Dorethea had four children, Henry, John Richard, Maggie, and Marie. Henry settled around Smithon,

Missouri; Maggie married Fritz Klein; and Marie married a Raymor.



Dorethea and Diedrick Weicken

One incident is recalled by Ernest Weicken which attests to the rigors of frontier life in Missouri. His Uncle Fritz was taken by bushwackers and rolled down a hill in a barrow filled with knives, silverware, and such objects.

John Richard Wiecken, also known as John Dick or J.D., was born in 1865 and married Emma Magdolena Klein in 1889. They continued to live in Mill Creek Township and raised nine children, George Henry, Dora, Lydia, John William, Ernest Elmer, Lena, Anna, Maggie, and Emma. Diedrick, Dorethea, Fritz, John Richard, and wife Emma are buried in Ebenezar Cemetery located near Florence, Missouri.

George married Elva Mae Richardson and four children were born to this union; Gerald, George, Marjorie — Cooper, and Elaine — Ellis.

Dora married Dave Wahlers and had one son, Elvan.

Lydia married Henry Lewis and had three children, Gertrude, Lena — Downing, and Harman.

John married Georgia Opal Moon, two of the three sons survive and live in Morgan County, John Leonard and Carlos. John and Opal reside on half of his father's farm.

Ernest had one son by a previous marriage, Joseph Claborn, who resides in St. Joseph, Missouri. He married Norma Iva Ash in 1928. They had four sons together, Vencil, William Carl, Kenneth, and Raymond. Vencil and Kenneth live in Audrain County and Carl and Raymond live in Morgan.

Carl married Angeline Ehlers and three sons were born, Stephen, Dale, and Stewart. One great, great, great grandson to Diedrich Wiechen was born to Dale and Christie Garr, Michael, born March 28, 1978. Carl has also operated the Morgan County Crop Service out of Stover and Versailles since 1962.

Raymond married Mable Edgar and three children were born to this union, Wesley, Sherry, and Ronald.

Lena Wiecken married Shelby Ross and one son was born, John G. Ross.

Anna Wiecken married Clarence Schroder, their children are Emma Dorean — Case, Waneta — Dudley, Milton, and Laverna — Zimmerschied.

Maggie Wiecken married Harold Siegel and had two sons, Donald and Shelby.

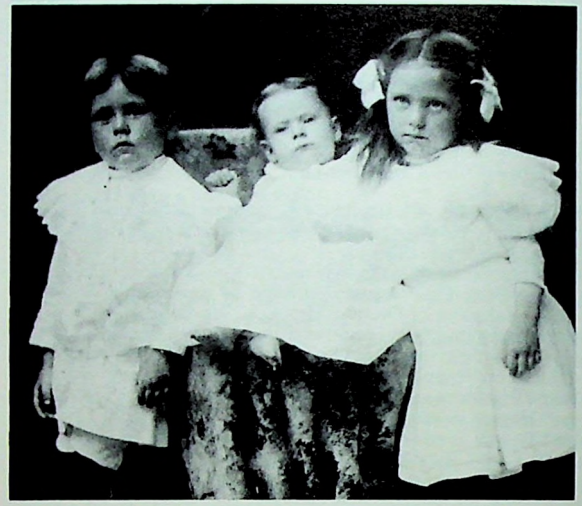
Emma Wiecken married Jack Jones, and three children were born, Edgar, William Wayne, and Glen.

Of the nine children of J.D. and Emma Wiecken, five survive, John, Ernest, Lena, Anna, and Emma, and all live within the county.

Note to the editor: The family name Wiechen, is spelled three different ways in this account as it changed from generation to generation and family to family. *Submitted by Stephen C. Weicken*

## JOHN E. WIEST

Dr. Charles A. Wiest, born May 19, 1873 at Millersburg, Pennsylvania. The son of John E. and Linda Wirtz Wiest he had two sisters Kathryn and Loyetta.



Raymond, Rachel and Loyetta Wiest

He attended high school at Syracuse, New York and attended The University of Maryland where he received his M.D. degree. He attended John Hopkins University for special classes in medicine. His certificate to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Missouri was awarded in 1897 by the St. Louis State Board of Health. He settled in Old Stover where he lived with Wm. Coester and son John who operated a general store and post office.

Dr. C.A. Wiest and Bertha

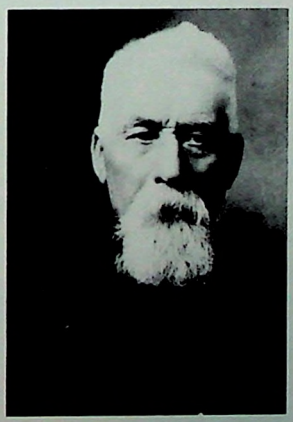
He married Bertha Wilson on May 27, 1900. They settled in Pisgah located in Cooper County but returned to Old Stover in 1902 when construction of the Rock Island Railway was started. In 1903 they moved to New Stover where Dr. Wiest maintained his office in the home. He drove a team of horses

to make house calls over a span of twelve years, at which time he secured his first automobile. He and Dr. Cord Bohling were proprietors of the first drug store in 1905. In 1909 he purchased land in East Stover which is known as the "Wiest Addition" where he built a new home.

The Wiest family lived here until 1918 at which time they moved to Kansas City where Dr. Wiest worked at St. Lukes Hospital and maintained a private practice. In 1920 the Wiest family moved to Smithton. In 1927 the Stover people petitioned him to return to Stover which he did. Dr. Wiest died on April 20, 1944 and Mrs. Wiest on August 22, 1972. During Dr. Wiest's years of practice (47 years) he delivered over 3,000 babies which included the delivery of 3 sets of twins in the same day. *Loyetta I. Blackman*

## ANDREW JACKSON WILLIAMS

Andrew Jackson Williams, born March 10, 1833 in Franklin County, Mo., died Oct. 5, 1909 at Versailles, Mo.; came to Morgan County with his parents when he was 10 years old. The family settled around Syracuse, Mo. The parents were Joseph Williams, born 1810 in Franklin County, Mo. and Rachel Laramore, born 1813 in Ky. They were married in Franklin County, Mo. on May 15, 1832. They had eight children: Andrew Jackson; John L., b. 1835; Elizabeth, b. 1838 who married Elizah B. Ousley; Alvy Peter, b. 1840; Richard F., b. 1842, who married Louisa Morrison; William F., b. 1845; Thomas Benton, b. 1846; and Joseph B., b. 1850. Five of the sons served in the Union Army from 3 to 5 years. Joseph died March 1, 1894 at the age of 84. His death was so sudden that only three of his children were with him. He was buried at Mt. Carmel cemetery near Syracuse. In his obituary, A.G. Baker wrote: "Uncle Joe, though industrious and sober-minded, never made a success in a financial way as the world looks at it, yet he bore his own expenses through life and to the grave."



Andrew Jackson Williams,
b. March 10, 1833, d. Oct. 5, 1909

When Andrew Jackson Williams was 21 years of age, he met Elizabeth Morrison, born May 1, 1838, died May 27, 1903, the daughter of James and Eunice Hatfield Morrison of Syracuse. They married June 29, 1854, with Shannon Akin officiating. Six boys and two girls were born to this union: Charles Walter "Red Fox", born 1855 who married Sally Cox; Trusten R., born 1858 who married Olive E. Downs; Mary E., born 1861 who married Ira Dedrick; Frank Howard, born 1866 who married Elizabeth Rasa; William Jackson, born 1873 who married Cora Mozelle Barber; Lige Oliver, born 1877 who married Lottie Washburn; Jemima Ann, born 1871 who married Martin Davis; Ira B., born 1882 who married Mary Lucetta Holst.

On Aug. 11, 1862, A.J. Williams left the farm, went to Syracuse, and enrolled in Co. I 29th Mo. Inf. Vol. for a three year enlistment. He was mustered in at Benton Barracks, Mo. Sept. 25, 1862. In the spring of 1863, while at the siege of Vicksburg, he contracted measles. Because of exposure to the elements and sleeping on wet ground while having the measles, A.J. developed complications that left him in poor health. He was transferred to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. then on to McDowells Hospital. He was transferred to Co. C. 2nd Reg't Inv. Corps and was finally discharged Sept. 26, 1865 at Detroit, Michigan. He returned to Morgan County to farm and rear his family. He died at the age of 76 at the home of his son, Lige Williams. Both A.J. and his wife are buried at the Versailles cemetery. *By Wm. W. Williams*

## DANIEL WILLIAMS

Daniel (1809-1881) and Mary Williams (1816-1892) were early settlers of Morgan County emigrating here in 1837 from Ohio. Daniel Williams was born in Auburn County, New York. As a young man he learned the blacksmith trade at Hartford, Connecticut and by 1834 had traveled to Richland County, Pennsylvania, where he married Mary McLaughlin.

Daniel Williams

Mary Williams

Mary was the daughter of Daniel and Isabel Drummond McLaughlin. Mary's mother was born in Ireland in 1790. Her father, Daniel McLaughlin was born in Pennsylvania in 1780 and was the son of a Revolutionary War soldier. When Mary was seven, the family moved to Ohio.

The first two children of Daniel and Mary were born in Ohio. In 1837 the family emigrated from their home in Williams County to Missouri settling in Versailles where Daniel established his blacksmith trade. Five more children were born. The family lived in Versailles until 1858 when Daniel purchased 640 acres of prairie and timberland nine miles east of Versailles in the East Prairie neighborhood. The log house built on this land was to be the final home of Daniel and Mary. The 1860 census shows the Williams household to consist of Daniel (Age — 52) Mary — 44, Phebe — 18, John 15, Daniel — 12, Isabel — 8, Mary — 5, Sarah Long — 43 (a spinster who made her home with the family), and C. Messenhamer — 48 (a person from Pennsylvania who was visiting or living here at the time).

Shortly after the family had settled on the farm the Civil War began. Daniel and his eldest child Orsino served in the Confederate Army. Orsino had been a medical student when he was conscripted, and he received his first experience as a surgeon amputating limbs of wounded soldiers. Daniel was imprisoned by Union Forces and released to his wife after he became so ill that it was decided that he would not recover. He lived until 1881.

As each Williams child reached maturity he was given an eighty acre tract of the farm with the exception of Orsino who instead was sent to medical school. Daniel and Mary Williams were buried at Big Rock Cemetery as were four of their children (Phebe, John, Isabel and Mary).

Following the Civil War Dr. Orsino Williams (1835-1904) practiced medicine in Versailles until his death of pneumonia in 1904. He had married Lucy Miller and had one son Fred. Fred married Mary Kring and they had nine children, the youngest who was Roy Vincel (1903-1968). Vincel owned and operated the R.V. Williams Lumberyard for many years and it is today (1979) operated by his son Jack. Vincel and Carrie Sherman Williams had twelve children. Another child of Fred was Alpha Thixton who lived many years in Versailles. She was a telephone operator and was well known in Morgan County.

After the death of his first wife, Dr. Orsino married Alpha Davis. From this union were born Porter, Lucy, Nan, Willie, John, Charles, Vincel, and Daniel. Both Porter and Vincel were physicians. Daniel was a dentist in Versailles and Tipton for many years. Nan married Max Joachimi who operated a grocery and tie business in Versailles and Willie married R.Q. Kelly who was also an early Morgan County physician.

(See Isabel Williams Nichols History.) *Ann Shaw*

## EDWIN A. WILLIAMS

Edwin A. Williams was a descendant of Nicholas W. Williams, born in Wales, Sept., 1679 and died Aug. 18, 1749. Benjamin, the son of Nicholas, was born Nov. 30, 1726. He married Mary Carr in Sept., 1776. Their son, Richard, born April 3, 1781, was the father of Josiah B. Williams, born Jan. 2, 1806 at Norfolk, Va. He married Elizabeth Madole, Nov. 17, 1831. They moved to Logan County, Ky. Their son, Josiah, Jr., was born there Aug. 14, 1844.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed A. Williams

The family came to Morgan County when Josiah, Jr. was four years old and settled four miles east of Versailles in the Walnut Grove district. Josiah B., Sr. died Feb. 3, 1882.

Josiah B., Jr. married Marguareta Marandie Ann (Yannie) Routon May 2, 1855. Their children were George, Delbert, Edwea A., Mamie Windler, Gordie Airgood and Clarence.

Edwin A. Williams was born Dec. 31, 1878 in Morgan County, Mo. On March 2, 1901 he married Hulda Imler, born Jan. 19, 1880. She was the daughter of John and Mildred Crane Imler. Her father came to Morgan County from Ohio and settled on a farm near Barnett. Their children were Steve, Doll, Thenie, Marguerita, Jack, Fannie, Rose, Cora, Hulda, Frank and William.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams spent their first year of marriage at Old Barnett. Then they moved to Eldon, Mo., where they operated a cafe. The Rock Island railroad was being laid at that time. In 1904 they moved to Barnett at its present location. There he and his uncle, Jim Routon, had a general merchandise store known as "Routon and Williams". He was later associated with the Barnett Elevator. In 1919 they moved to a farm one-half mile east of Barnett. Their children were Delma and Wilma.

Henry Gail was born Dec. 14, 1902 and married Delia Annetta Madole, born July 31, 1901 north of Barnett. She was the daughter of Hiram and Sarah (Sally) Adcock Madole. Henry and Delia's children were born at Barnett. While the children were young the family moved to Hampton, where Henry and Delia now reside.

Their children are Samuel Newton, born Feb. 16, 1927, died Feb. 20, 1927; Mildred Marie, born June 17, 1929, married Roy Burns, Jan. 13, 1931. Their children are Rhonda Rea and Jeffrey Lee. They live at Williston, Fla.

Dave Edward, born Mar. 1, 1931, married Mrs. Myrtle Wall Davidson, born April 28, 1927. Two step-daughters, Sherrie and Beverly. Dave and Myrtle live at Newport News, Va.

Kenneth Ross, born Aug. 9, 1933, married Mrs. Mary Webb Sims, two children, Kenneth Ross and Kara Marie, and one stepson, Bill.

Lawrence Gail Williams, born Jan. 2, 1935 married Vivian Lee Willett, two sons, Roger, born Nov. 4, 1959, and David Lindsey, born Aug. 1, 1963. They live at Seabrook, Texas.

Delma, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Williams, born April 10, 1906, married Jan. 25, 1928 to Samuel W. Lehman, born Jan. 29, 1905, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Lehman, who lived ten miles northeast of Versailles. Sam bought the home place from his father and he was the third generation to live on the farm. Their two children were Samuel Edwin, born May 6, 1933, married Sept. 21, 1958 to Marry Lovell Willis, born Oct. 31, 1958. Their children are Dale Edward, born Oct. 20, 1959, Gail Edwin, born July 1, 1963, and Cheryl Ann, born June 19, 1965. They live at Center, Mo.

Wilma, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, was born Sept. 11, 1917 and died Jan. 19, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams spent their retirement years in Fortuna, where Mrs. Williams died Feb. 2, 1954. He then married Audrey Rodner of Fortuna. Mr. Williams died March 19, 1961. Both are buried at Big Rock Cemetery east of Versailles.

## ELMER T. WILLIAMS

Elmer T. Williams was born at Clarksburg, Mo. Oct. 10, 1883 to James Dean and Alice Toler Williams.

Elmer Williams Family taken Nov. 1922

He was married Dec. 1903 to Mary Ellen Huff, born in Morgan County Mar. 22, 1877.

James Dean and Alice Toler Williams had eleven other children, two were her children by a previous marriage. Their children were Sade, Mary, Bertha, Emma, Minnie, Edith,

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williams, daughter - Myrtle and son - Alek

John, Roy, Lace and Willie, who died in infancy. Her children were Alpha and Rosie.

They were raised south of Versailles around Oak Grove church.

Elmer and Mary had seven children: Myrtle, who married Walt Milliner (deceased). They had no children; Alek (deceased) married Alene Hall, they had one son, Bobby, now of Carthage, Mo.; Robert, who was never married, living at Fortuna, Mo.; Bonnie, who married Johnnie Brewer (deceased). They had three children, Mary Ethel, who married Cecil Igo and lives in Kansas City. (They had two children.) Kathy married Ralph Stinebrook and they live at Belleville, Ill. and Ronnie, of the home, in Kansas City. Bonnie's daughter, Mary, works for Hartford Insurance Co. of Kansas City and Cecil works for T.W.A. in Kansas City. William G. Brewer married Velma Rose Dowell and they have one son, Neal. William (Bill) is employed at Wenger John Deer Co. in Versailles. They reside at Glensted.

Paul Wayne married Donna Haynes and they have two sons, Dennis Wayne and Aubrey Paul, of Warrier, Ala, Paul is manager of an Angus farm for Dr. and Mrs. Winegar of Russellville.

Marie married Bill McDaniel of Rosebud, Mo. and they had twelve children: Bill and three children (deceased); children are Carol, married to Gene Brashear and they had seven children; Clyde married but had no children; Evelyn married Don England and they have four children.

Margie married Harold Jolliff and they have two children, Sandra, who married J.D. Auspaw, and they had six children; Betty is married and has four children; Joyce married Charley Garrison and they have three children.

Diane married Steve Kapman and has one son. Wayne married and has one daughter, all live around Marshall and later. Joyce and Charley live in Hayti, Mo.

Clyde Williams married Carol Butchard and they have a daughter, Kathy, married to Roger Taylor. They have one son by adoption. Son Elmer and wife, Joy, have two sons, Allen and Jeffrie. They all live around Spencer, Ia.

Berniece married Raymond Wolf of Tipton, Mo. They have one son, Jackie, married to Barbara Smith of Otterville. They live in Tipton and have one daughter, Becky. *By Bonnie Williams Brewer*

## JOHN T. (UNCLE JACK) WILLIAMS

My Grandfather John T. Williams came to Morgan County in 1851 at the age of four. His family traveled by covered wagon from Logan County, Kentucky. He remembered crossing the Mississippi River and how frightened he was to see the water come up into the wagon.

John T. Williams - "Uncle Jack" age 97

Josiah B. Williams with his wife, Elizabeth Madole Williams, and eight children settled on the Hourd Chism farm neighbors to the Shores Price Hunter family. The children were William George born September 1832, died January 18, 1918; Mary Williams Adcock born February 1, 1934, died June 1, 1868; Margaret Williams Moreland, born March 11, 1838, died March 3, 1912; Ann Elizabeth Williams Sims born November 24, 1837, died March 27, 1905; Richard G. born June 19, 1840, killed at Vicksburg, Mississippi May 19, 1863; Samuel E. born February 17, 1842, died April 29, 1862 in Moringe, Mississippi; Josiah B. Jr. born August 14, 1844 died February 3, 1862 is buried in Barnett. John T. born March 25, 1847, died March 23, 1949 is buried in Freedom Cemetery. Edwin A. born September 4, 1849, died April 14, 1918.

John T. married Laura V. Hunter September 15, 1869 and moved to a farm North of Versailles, and continued to live there until their deaths. John and Laura had seven children: Henrietta Mosby born August 15, 1870 married W.P. Moore, they had four children, Rena, Helen, Harold and Gertrude. Elisabeth Louise born September 29, 1974. After completing her education at Hardin College she remained on the farm until her death.

John T. born October 11, 1877 died March 1978. Shores Price, my father, born October 13, 1879, on June 20, 1904 he married Ethel L. Mason and they had three children; Pauline born July 18, 1906, Kathryn born October 31, 1907 and John Mason born December 10, 1908. Shores Price died February 3, 1955 in Hugo, Oklahoma and is buried in the Versailles cemetery; Josiah B. born March 21, 1882 married Helen Kistermacher. They had five children, Charlotte, Joseph G., William Muir, Martha and Sidney; Cryus C. born July 23, 1886 worked in South America many years and died in the state of California. Laura Hunter born April 1889, married L.L. Dorrance and had one son, L.L. Jr. Laura died April 12, 1976 in Clinton Missouri.

John T. (Uncle Jack) Williams was a farmer all his life. He served Morgan County as State Representative for three (3) terms, the 52nd, 53rd, and 54th assemblies. His son Shores Price, my father, was a cattle buyer in Missouri, Illinois, and Oklahoma. My sister Pauline married Lloyd R. Buehner, of Joplin, Missouri. She has one daughter, Mary Ann Buehner, born April 17, 1949. Pauline and Ann still live in Joplin, Missouri. My brother John Mason married Velma Lehman Stith. John died July 31, 1972 and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery. I married Louis Koetting, moved back to Versailles in 1966; I am the only member of the John T. Williams family living in Morgan County at this time November 1978.

William Muir Williams, of Wadsworth, Kansas, son of Josiah B. is the only living Grandson of John T. that bears the name of Williams; L.L. Dorrance, Jr. of Clinton is another grandson that is living at this time.

There are six great grand children and several great, great grandchildren living as of November 1978. *Kathryn Williams Koetting*

## RAY L. WILLIAMS

Raymond Lee Williams, b. 3 Dec. 1898 d. 9 May 1972, was married on the 15th of Sept. 1921 to Agnes Woodin, b. 24 May 1904 in Brainerd, Minn., the daughter of Edward K. and Elsie Woodin. Ray grew up in Versailles and attended the public schools and was an honor student. He went to the wheat harvest in Kansas a few summers with other young men from Versailles. While in Hays, Kans. in 1919, he began working for the railroad as fireman on the old coal burning engines shoveling coal. He later returned to Versailles and worked at the Dickey brick plant.

Ray and Agnes Williams

Ray began working at the Post Office September 1, 1923 under Dr. H.N. Lutman, Postamaster as Assistant Postmaster. Rural Carriers at the time he began work in the Post Office were, W.E. Jolly, route 1, Wm. Turner Kidwell, route 4, Wm. S. Rumans, route 2, Stanley Crain, route 3, Harvey Winningham, Star Route, and mail messenger was Lee Anderson who carried mail by truck from the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific depots to the Post Office. Turner Kidwell drove a horse and rig on his route since it took him into areas where the roads were rough and water was often too high for a car. The Post Office was located in the Mason building at 107 North Monroe.

Three years later when the Post Office became second class, Ray was appointed clerk in which capacity he served until July 1, 1948. At this time he transferred to carrier on Rt. 2. He later transferred to Rt. 3 on Jan. 1, 1963. He was a rural carrier 17 years. He retired from the Post Office Sept. 24, 1965 after 42 years of service.

After retirement, Ray kept busy with his hobbies of Antique Collecting, Coin Collecting, and raising Shetland ponies. He kept a herd of between 50 and 60 ponies on two small farms that he owned.

Ray and Agnes had one son William Woodin Williams, b. 28 Oct. 1923, who married on 5 Oct. 1944 Dorothy Lou Heinemann, b. 5 March 1923, the daughter of Gus and Lillie Hunter Heinemann. Bill and Dorothy were both born and reared in Versailles.

Bill joined the Naval Air Corps 2 Feb. 1943 and received his "Wings" and a commission as Ensign. He flew Corsair fighter bombers in the Pacific area. He was released from active duty 20 Nov. 1945 and was honorably discharged from the Naval Reserve 26 April 1961.

Bill and Dorothy Williams in 1976

When Bill was released from active duty in the Navy, he entered Moler Beauty College in St. Louis where he learned the Cosmetology trade. Upon completing school, he worked for a couple of years for his Uncle and Aunt D.T. and Gladys Kays in their Beauty Shop in St. Louis. On the 1st of March, 1948, Bill and Dorothy bought the "Beauty Box" in Versailles from Lillie Mae Hunter. Bill and Dorothy are both cosmetologists and have owned and still operate the shop in the same location for 31 years.

Bill and Dorothy have three children: Joy Lynn, b. 3 Dec. 1945, is a medical technologist and is married to Richard Galen Baer. They have 2 children Craig Steven b. 10 Aug. 1969 and Nathan Andrew b. 22 Jan 1974; William Lee Williams, b. 21 Nov. 1949, is an Electrical Engineer and is married to Donna Jean Bolt; and James August Williams, b. 26 Jan. 1955, who has served in the U.S. Navy for the past 4 years.

## TRUSTEN R. WILLIAMS

Trusten Reuben Williams was born near Syracuse, Missouri in Morgan County on June 30, 1858 and died at Versailles, Missouri on June 4, 1909.

Trusten was the second of eight children of Andrew Jackson (A.J.) Williams and Elizabeth Morrison Williams, who were married in Morgan County, Missouri on June 28, 1854.

A.J. Williams came with his parents, Joseph Williams and Rachel Larimore Williams, to Morgan County, Missouri from Franklin County, Missouri sometime around 1840. They lived in the vicinity of Mount Carmel Church in Morgan County and then moved to Versailles where they remained.

In 1880 Trusten R. Williams married Olive Elizabeth Downs, who grew up near Otterville, Missouri in Cooper County. He brought her to Versailles, where most of their married life was spent.

Trusten built the house on South Maple Street where Dewey Lett now lives and the family lived there for a number of years before he decided to move the family to Sedalia, Missouri. They had lived but a short while in Sedalia when Trusten decided to return his family to Versailles. He traded a house and cow in Sedalia for a house and cow in Versailles. The family furniture and some horses were transported from Sedalia by way of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Lines to Tipton, Missouri and then on to Versailles. The house traded for is now owned by Everett and Grace Walters and is located on South Walnut Street. The family resided there until the children were grown.

Trusten R. Williams

Elizabeth Olive (Downs) Williams

The children of Trusten R. Williams and Olive Elizabeth Downs Williams were: Clara, who died as an infant; Percy Alva; Aubrey Talbert; Elzie Orvil; Lula, who died as a young child; Della Mae; Vinnie Viola Frances; Mabel Julia; Edna Elizabeth; and Trusten Earnest Alfred.

Percy married Cora Adams of Sedalia, Missouri. They lived in Sedalia where Percy worked in the railroad shops. Their only child was Garnett Williams, who now lives in Utah.

Aubrey T. (1884-1959) married Rosa Dolstein. They raised their family in Versailles. Aubrey spent a number of years working as a law enforcement officer. Their children were: Paul D., Aubrey Vencil (A.V.), and Elizabeth (Mrs. Paul Gunn).

Elzie Orvil (1886- ) married Mattie Elizabeth White. They raised their family on a farm near Glensted in Morgan County, Missouri. Their children were: Keith Knudson, Nellie Lorine (Mrs. Gilbert Petree), Darrel Wesley, Elzie Orvil, Norman Wray, Bonnie Olive (Mrs. Clayton Carter), and Mable Elizabeth (Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter).

Della Mae (1890-1974) married Reuben Shore, who was a carpenter. They raised their family in Versailles, Missouri. Their children were: Ruth Frances (Mrs. George Chandler), Mancel Earnest, Harry Williams, Roy Marion, and Dorotha Mae (Mrs. Junior Evans).

Vinnie Viola (1892-1968) married Harry Mefford. Harry worked as a lumber clerk in Versailles, where they raised their two children: Harry Hal, and Corinne (Mrs. Bill Stumpff).

Mable Julia (1894-1975) married Leonard Drysdale, a carpenter. They spent their married life in and around Versailles, Missouri. Their children were: Stephen, and Marcella (Mrs. Lou Harris).

Edna Elizabeth (1897-1974) married James Collier. They lived on a farm south of Gravois Mills, Missouri. Their children were: Genevieve (Mrs. Norman Devine), Gerald (Mrs. Orval Silvey), Wilbur, and Janiece (Mrs. Robert Houk).

Alfred Earnest (born in 1900) married Nellie Mae Yarnell. They raised their family in Versailles, where Alfred ran a Phillips 66 service station during the depression years and later worked as a sales clerk in local businesses. Their children were: Trusten Manning, who died in infancy; Guido Stanley, who died of diphtheria at age three; Loetta Mae (Mrs. Joe T. Pace); Alfred; and Aleine, who married Thomas L. Dunnaway, and later married Charles Brown. *Submitted by: Loetta Pace*

## W.J. WILLIAMS

William Jackson Williams, born May 27, 1873 at Syracuse, Mo.; died Oct. 29, 1955 at Versailles, Mo., was the son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth Morrison Williams. On Oct. 30, 1895, he married Cora Mozelle Barber, born Jan. 3, 1876; died May 13, 1958, who was the daughter of Isaiah and Talitha Huff Barber.

W.J. "Bill" Williams

Bill and Cora Williams had six children: Ina Opal, born 1896; died Oct. 4, 1920, who married Dorsey Nevis and had one daughter, Ina Gladys Nevis; Raymond Lee, born 1898, who married Agnes Woodin and had one son Wm. W. Williams; Ressie, born 1902 who died at age of two months; Wm. Jewell, born 1905, died 1925, who married Hazel Morris and had one son Wm. Laverne "Bud" Williams; Ira Marcel, born 1908, who married three times and had one daughter Charlotte Williams by his second wife; Talitha Gladys, born 1911, who married Sam Kauffman and had one son Jackson Dean Kauffman.

Bill worked as a section hand on the Rock Island railroad for a few years and then worked at the W.S. Dickey brick plant. He served Versailles and Morgan County for 33 years as a peace officer. He served as deputy sheriff for 8 years prior to Nov. 5, 1912 when he ran for sheriff and defeated J.H. Hughes democrat. He ran for sheriff again Nov. 6, 1920 and defeated D. Kays 3011 to 1651. He was sheriff for a total of 8 years. He was elected marshal of Versailles in April 1929 and was re-elected the next 5 terms for a total of 12 years. He also served 2 years as constable and 3 years as game warden.

Bill operated a "Jitney" that met all passenger trains and operated as a low fare taxi. He was affectionately called "Daddy Bill" by the younger members of his family. He was a good friend to all who knew him and he never turned down a friend in need. *By Wm. W. Williams*

## ABRAM WILLSON

Abram and Mary Baker Willson were born in Virginia and moved to Tennessee where he died in 1834 at age 58 years, leaving his widow with eight children: Robert, Louisa, Malvina, Julia (Adeline), Benjamin F., Samuel M., Mary B. and Jane R. Mrs. Abram Willson came to Morgan County, Mo. in 1837 and died in 1858 at age 81.

(Rev.) Robert Willson was the first preacher of the Methodist Church at Proctor, Mo., when it was built in 1844. He is buried in the Collier Cemetery in the Wilson Bend area in Camden County, Mo.

Julia Adeline, wife of Dr. H.A. Cooper, is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Charles Willson and Ethel Jones Willson — Oct. 4, 1907 Wedding Picture

Rev. Benjamin F. Willson died June 24, 1865. He was born Feb. 20, 1814 and his wife, Sarah J. was born July 14, 1816. Their children were Mary Eliza, 1841; Frances Adeline, 1843; John Asbury, 1846; and Sarah Elizabeth, 1850. Mary Eliza married William Smith Gibbs Dec. 13, 1864 and they had six children: Sarah E. died April 27, 1882 age 32, first wife of Isaac H. Earnest. Later he married Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Daniel S. and Jane Willson Snyder. Their son, John A. (1846-1917) resided north of Proctor, Mo. and became a Morgan County judge in 1902.

John A. Willson married Amanda Reed, born in Morgan County in 1847. Their children were Levina Alice, Charles E., Benjamin and William. Levina Alice married James Roe. Their children were Ross, Lee and Opal.

Charles E. Willson who was Morgan County sheriff in 1904, married Ethel L. Jones, born near Proctor Sept. 14, 1887, daughter of William and Elizabeth Houtz Jones, in 1907. Their children: Howard, who died Sept. 28, 1948; Francelia, who married James Carpenter, who died Dec. 6, 1976; (Their children are James Charles, who married Alice Allen, and whose children are Susan, David and John Thomas who married Kay Conrad.)

Howard Willson married Ruth Bixler and their children are Charlene, who married George Nickolaus, and their children are Charles, David, Nathan and Daniel; Darrell Willson, who married Byrlene Bohling, and their children are Stephanie and Spencer, and Connie Willson. Children of John Thomas and Kay Conrad Willson are Christopher, Conrad, Sarah and Amanda.

Lauranelle Willson married Eugene Agee, Jr. and their children are Eugene, III, Celia Jo, Janis, Michael, Jackie Lynn and Cynthia.

Betty Lea Willson married Jeremiah Nixon and their children are Melinda, Penelope and Jeremiah.

Charles Willson, who was sheriff at the time of his marriage, later operated a grocery and feed store in Versailles and served as presiding judge of the Morgan County court. He was also in the tie business.

Benjamin, (b. 1881 — d. 1944) married Margaret (Maggie) Earnest and they moved from Proctor to Versailles. Their children, Pearl Willson Kidwell, deceased, Anna Willson Husted, Myrtle, Paul Willson and Ethel Marie Zollicker. Benjamin and Maggie are now deceased.

William (Willie) E. Willson (b. 1884-1960) married Mary Kidwell and their children: Alice Mae, Alma Lee, Wilma, David and John. The family moved many years ago from Versailles to Kansas City. William is now deceased.

Pearl Willson married Dave Kidwell and their children are Joann, Robert (deceased) and David Lee. Anna married Ralph Husted and they had one son who died in an accident.

Charles E. Willson died Oct. 12, 1937. He is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## ABRAM WILLSON

Abram Willson was born about 1776 in Virginia but resided most of his life in Jefferson County, Tennessee. He married Mary Baker who was born about 1777 in Virginia and was probably a daughter of James and Mary Baker of Jefferson County, Tenn. Abram Willson died about June 1836. After his death Mary (Baker) Willson and most, if not all, of her children moved to Morgan and Camden Counties, Missouri. Mary (Baker) Willson died in 1858 at the age of 81 in Morgan County, and is probably buried in the Proctor Cemetery. Abram and Mary were the parents of eight children: (1) Robert L. Willson, born 1804 in Jefferson County, Tennessee, married Isabella McFarland. Robert died July 8, 1860 in Camden County. Their known children were: Francis A. Willson, born about 1826, died July 24, 1841. George Willson, born about 1828. Albion M. Willson, born about 1833, died December 6, 1852. Abraham Huston Willson, born April 3, 1835, married Sarah Jane Earnest, July 8, 1867 in Morgan County. She was born in 1839 and died in 1926. He died December 7, 1912 and both are buried in Camden County. Robert B. Willson, born about 1842, died November 5, 1872. Margaret Willson, born July 3, 1845, died October 9, 1912, and Mary M. Willson, born about 1849, died August 22, 1868.

(2) Louisa Willson was a daughter of Abram and Mary (Baker) Willson.

(3) Lavinia Willson, third child of Abram and Mary, was born about 1809 in Jefferson County, Tenn. She married James H. McFarland, born June 24, 1813 in Jefferson County, Tenn. Known children: Abram McFarland, born June 15, 1831, died March 15, 1889 and is buried at Stover, Mo. Elender McFarland, born 1832 in Jefferson County, Tenn., married Charles Jarnigan, May 17, 1849 in Morgan County. Benjamin or John Benjamin McFarland, born April 4, 1834, married Hannah Jane, Sept. 10, 1852 in Morgan County. He died November 3, 1914 at Seneca, Newton County, Mo. Elbert S. McFarland, born about 1836. Samuel A. McFarland, born about 1838, Margaret Ann McFarland, born about 1842. Julie C. McFarland, born 1844, married Alexander Witherford, Feb. 14, 1867 in Morgan County. Mary Adaline McFarland, born 1846, married Peter Hibdon or Higdon, Jan. 20, 1861 in Morgan County. Robert J. McFarland, born 1849, married Elizabeth Silvey, Oct. 10, 1869 in Morgan County. It is believed that Levina (Willson) McFarland died soon after 1850 and James McFarland remarried.

(4) Adaline Willson is listed as a daughter in her father's will.

(5) Benjamin Willson, born Feb. 1814, Jefferson County, Tenn. married Sarah Jane, surname not known. Benjamin died June 24, 1865 in Morgan County. The known children of Benjamin and Sarah Jane Willson are: Mary E. Willson, born about 1842, married A.J. Green on Sept. 12, 1861 in Morgan County. She married 2nd William S. Gibbs. Frances A. Willson, born about 1844, died June 22, 1865 in Morgan County. John Asbury Willson, born July 14, 1846, married Amanda Reed on Dec. 24, 1869. Amanda, born Nov. 14, 1847, John Asbury died March 30, 1917 and Amanda died in June 1932. Their known children were Levina Willson married J.W. Roe, Ben F. Willson married Maggie Earnest, W.E. Willson and Charles E. Willson married Ethel L. Jones. Sarah E. Willson, born about 1850, married Isaac Huston Earnest, Sept. 15, 1870. Matthew Willson, born about 1854, died June 14, 1865. George Willson married a Bryan and had George Clark Willson, Jr.

(6)Samuel M. Willson, the sixth child of Abram and Mary, was born March 10, 1816 in Jefferson County, Tenn. He married Mary Jarnagen, Dec. 11, 1838. They were the parents of

Napoleon B. Willson, born about 1841, married Elizabeth Ard, April 18, 1861 in Morgan County. Napoleon was killed in the Civil War and Elizabeth (Ard) Willson married second, George Ivy. Oscar H. Willson, born about 1842, was in the Civil War and died Aug. 14, 1865. Porter J. Willson, born about 1844, was in the Civil War and died Aug. 26, 1865. Martha E. Willson, born about 1845, died Aug. 4, 1865. Isabella Minerva Willson, born about 1849.

Levina Willson was a child of Samuel and Mary (Jarnagen) Willson. Joseph H. Willson, seventh child of Samuel Willson, born about 1863 and died June 2, 1865. Lucy B. Willson, born about 1859. Samuel Willson, Jr. born in 1855. The last child of Samuel and Mary (Jarnagen) Willson was Sarah E. Willson, born about 1861, married Alfred Walters on June 14, 1888, Morgan County. Samuel M. Willson married 2nd, Eliza (Jarnagen) Mew, a sister of his first wife and the widow of Kemmie Mew. Samuel M. Willson died June 12, 1899 and Mary (Jarnagen) Willson died Dec. 10, 1874. Mary, born August 15, 1821.

(7) The seventh child of Abram and Mary (Baker) Willson was Mary B. Willson, born June 13, 1819 in Jefferson County, Tenn. She married Amos W. Earnest on Nov. 20, 1844 in Morgan County and died 28 Oct. 1869. Amos W. Earnest died 19 April 1870. Both are buried in the Proctor Cemetery. See the Amos W. Earnest family for their children.

(8) The eighth child of Abram and Mary was Jane R. Willson, born Sept. 20, 1820 in Jefferson County, Tenn. She married Daniel Snyder or Snider, Aug. 25, 1836. Jane R. died Sept. 23, 1900 in Morgan County. Their children were: Catherine Snyder married George Holder; William Cornelius Snyder married Frances E. Masters; Emily Eliza Snyder married Josiah Elliott; Rufus Browning Snyder married Martha Ellen Russell; Elizabeth Adeline Snyder married Isaac Huston Earnest; John McCoy Snyder married 1. Emaline Cotten, married 2. Sarah Frances Connaway; Virginia Jane Snyder married William Shelton; Daniel Webster Snyder married Sarah Josephine Russell; Mary Louisa Snyder, died young; Charlotte Belle Snyder married James Madison Padgett; Robert B. Snyder, never married.

## BENJAMIN HENRY WILSON

The ancestors of the Benjamin Henry Wilson family came to Morgan County from Ohio. Benjamin married Ida Jane Silvey, February 14, 1892; and lived south of Gravois Mills, Missouri; until his retirement in the late 1930's, when they moved to Versailles, on Burke Street. They were the parents of four children; a son, Noble Nelson Wilson, who has been a Morgan County Assessor and Presiding Judge for many years, and he married Sophia Gerlt. They had a son, Nelson Henry Wilson, who married Kathleen Frazer, and their two daughters are, Mrs. Joan Drake and Mrs. Nora Lee Waisner of Kansas City, Missouri; and there are fourteen grandchildren.

A daughter, born in 1892, to Benjamin and Ida Jane Wilson was Mrs. Edna Landrum, who was married to Herbert Landrum; and they had six daughters and one son. The daughters are Thelma, Barcie, Avanell, Nina, Patrica, and Jane. The son, James Landrum was killed in 1944 during World War II in Holland.

Another daughter, Miss Gorda Wilson, born in 1898, never married and died about eight years ago.

The second son, Carl Benjamin Wilson married Edna Poe Baquet in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson lived on the Osage River until the Lake of The Ozarks was formed and the Union Electric bought their land and built the Bagnell Dam. Carl and Poe Wilson moved farther north, relocating west of Gravois Mills, Missouri, in Morgan County. The children of Carl and Poe Wilson are, two daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. Juanitta Taylor and Mrs. Stella Don Garrison of Kansas City, Missouri. Juanitta has a daughter, Marlene Mitchell, and a grandson, Jeffery Mitchell. Stella Don has four children, Angela Litchfield of Dallas, Texas; James W. Garrison Jr., Kansas City, Missouri; Rebecca Fink of Lee Summit, Missouri; and Miss Donna Garrison. The Garrisons have two granddaughters. The son of Carl and Poe Wilson is Carl Warren Wilson, who married Linda Lou Morris, and they now live at Stover, Missouri; in Morgan County. They have three sons, Carl Morris Wilson of Kansas City, Missouri, married Victoria Rojas; Earl Warren Wilson married Lenora Guyette, and live near Stover, Missouri; and Merl Kirtley Wilson of Holt Summit, Missouri. There is one grandson, Benjamin Earl Wilson, born in 1978, to Earl and Lenora Wilson. Mrs. Poe Wilson was killed in an automobile accident in 1968, and Carl Wilson has moved to Versailles, Missouri. *Mrs. Warren Wilson*

Benjamin and Ida Jane Wilson

## IRA M. WILSON

Ira M. Wilson, son of Ira Frank Wilson, (b. Geneva, Ill. Apr. 27, 1861 — d. Aug. 16, 1941) and Sarah Elizabeth Francis, (born New Orleans, La. Apr. 19, 1865 — d. Apr., 1954), was born Dec. 9, 1900 (the fourth of four brothers) in Kansas City, Mo.

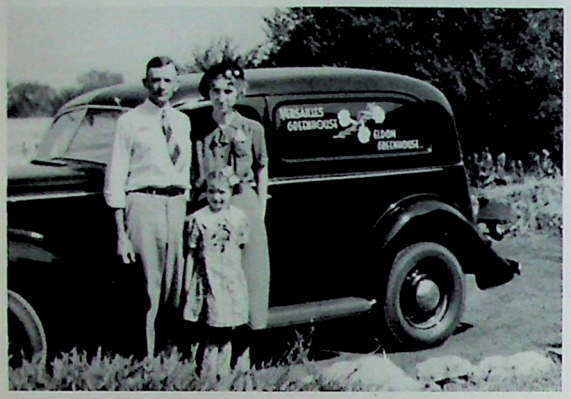
*L to r:* Mrs. O.C. Roark, Eulah, Archie and Mr. O.C. Roark.

He came to Versailles, Mo. from time to time to work with his brother, Edmund Wilson, who took over the management of the Bailey apple orchard south of Versailles.

Ira Wilson moved to Versailles in 1926 and built the first greenhouse in Morgan County. He also established the first government weather recording station in Morgan County.

In 1928 he married Eulah Gertrude Roark (b. Aug. 11, 1904) daughter of Orvis Clinton Roark (b. May 11 near Olean, Mo. — d. June 22, 1952 at Versailles) and Susan Lillian Colvin, (b. Morgan County, Mo. Oct. 24, 1881 — d. Mar. 11, 1971). Orvis Roark was county collector for Morgan County for a number of years.

Eula Roark was assistant cashier of the First National Bank in Versailles when she married Ira. She was born at Olean,




Ira and Eula Wilson and dau. Susan

Mo. and moved to Barnett, Mo. in 1909, coming to Versailles in 1919.

Ira and Eula Wilson operated the Versailles Greenhouse in Versailles for several years.

They have one daughter, Susan Elizabeth Wilson, b. Sept. 13, 1932 at Versailles. She married Lawrence Tougaw Sept. 6, 1953. They have two daughters, Martha Sue, b. Jan 2, 1958 and Sara Kathleen, b. Jan. 22, 1960 and a son, Lawrence Wilson, b. Mar. 20, 1964.

Susan Elizabeth (Sue) holds a degree in music education from Kansas University and teaches music in the schools at Littleton, Colo. where the family lives. Sue's husband holds a degree in geological engineering, Kansas University, and works in solar energy.

Ira Wilson, after retiring from the greenhouse business, operated a small business at his home sharpening saws and repairing all kinds of clocks.

Ira and Eula are members of the Order of the Eastern Star at Versailles and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

## MONTGOMERY WRAY WITTEN

Montgomery Wray Witten was born one mile north of Versailles on Dec. 28, 1877, son of John and Sarah E. Witten. The Witten's came to Morgan County from Virginia.

M. Wray Witten

Mable Livingston Witten

When he was eleven years old his father died. The other Witten children were Frank, John G., Ross Witten Hardy, Ina Witten Lutman and Mary Witten Knipmeyer.

M. Wray Witten attended the Versailles grade school and Versailles Academy. Later he attended the University of Missouri, majoring in agriculture. At age 17 he taught a log school on the Osage River for $22.50 per month. At age twenty he was principal of Versailles Elementary School and later was city superintendent of schools. He was elected Morgan County superintendent of schools in 1909 and served until 1939. He was called a "born teacher and lover of books." He encouraged young people to become teachers.

In 1903 he married Blanche Daugherty, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J.P. Daugherty of north Morgan County. She died Jan. 22, 1913, leaving her husband and two sons, John Daugherty, born in 1907, and M. Wray, Jr., born in 1910.

In 1915 he married Miss Mabel Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Livingston. On May 8, 1916 their son, Livingston, was born. The family went to Bozeman, Mont., where he taught mathematics and agriculture in the State College of Montana.

John Daugherty was graduated from the University of Missouri and taught in the Versailles High School for five years. He and his brother, Wray, who also graduated from the University, drove to New York City in a Ford coupe.

At the beginning of World War II Daugherty and Wray entered service. Daugherty was commissioned a lieutenant colonel, rising to the rank of Colonel. He was recommended for the first rank of General before retiring due to a heart condition. Daugherty was married to Miss Kathleen Rubicam and they had three children, John, Wray and Anne.

Daugherty died at an early age and is buried in New York.

Wray was commissioned a captain in the air force and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. After leaving the service he became comptroller of the advertising firm of Young and Rubicam and remained with the firm until his death from a heart attack in 1970.

Wray married Miss Marcelle Reynaud and they had four children, Elizabeth, Danielle, John and Michelle.

Livingston graduated from Central Methodist College at Fayette with the A.B. degree. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University and the Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Subsequently he taught at Simpson College with the rank of associate professor. He has held pastorates at Baxter Springs, Topeka, and Chanute, Ks. At present he is pastor of a large suburban church near Kansas City in Shawnee, Johnson County, Ks.

He has written for the adult series of the Methodist Church for all Methodist schools. He has been active in civic affairs, having been a member of the Rotary, Kiwanis and Sertoma. He headed the United Fund Drive in Chanute, Kan.

His father, M. Wray Witten was a Mason and a member of the Christian and later the Methodist Church in Versailles. He was superintendent of Sunday school and sang in the choir at the Christian church. He and his wife, Mabel Livingston Witten, are buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

## JOHN WOODIN

John and Mary Woodin were married in Sept. 1733 in London, England and came to Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1749. They had twelve children. Their ninth child Richard Woodin, born Sept. 13, 1748 in Richmond, England, married Sarah Wisdom on April 15, 1770 in Halifax. They had ten children. Their sixth child James Woodin was born Feb. 28, 1781 in Halifax and died Dec. 29, 1865 at New Brunswick. He had six children. His second child Richard Woodin, born April 22, 1815, in New Brunswick, Canada died May 31, 1857 at New Brunswick, was the father of seven children. The youngest of this family was Edward Kenneth Woodin, b. Feb. 21, 1854 in St Stevens, New Brunswick, July 30, 1929 at Versailles, Mo. Edward's mother died shortly after he was born and his oldes

Edward Kenneth Woodin, b. Feb. 21, 1854, d. July 30, 1929 and grandson, Wm. Woodin Williams, b. Oct. 28, 1923

Bob and Joe Woods

Aunt Polly Burris

sister, Emma, reared him. He worked in the lumber camps around New Brunswick, Canada and soon came to Minnesota where he met and married Elsie Susan Stirewalt, b. Nov. 27, 1879 at Clearwater, Minn. d. June 28, 1964 at Versailles, Mo. She was the daughter of George Washington and Sarah Ella Conliff Stirewalt.

Ed and Elsie Woodin had two daughters; Gladys Elsie Woodin, born April 17, 1901, who married Doris T. Kays, b. Jan. 5, 1894 d. Jan. 6, 1969, and Sarah Agnes Woodin, b. May 24, 1904, who married Raymond Lee Williams, b. Dec. 3, 1898 d. May 9, 1972. Ed and Elsie Woodin had one grandchild — William Woodin Williams who married Dorothy Lou Heinemann, three great grandchildren; Joy Lynn, who married Richard Galen Baer; William Lee, who married Donna Jean Bolt; and James August. Joy Lynn has two sons, Craig Steven and Nathan Andrew. Ed and Elsie Woodin became friends of Dr. George Still and his family who had a summer home on Lake Emily in Minnesota. They convinced Elsie to enroll in Osteopathic college in Kirksville, Mo. and wanted Ed to work as custodian at the college.

Ed Woodin went to Kirksville and established residence. Elsie and the two girls followed. Elsie enrolled in the Osteopathic College in 1913. In 1917 the school received a letter from Miss Lillie Moore asking them to send an Osteopath to Versailles, Mo. The school showed the letter to Elsie and she decided to open a practice in Versailles. The family moved to Versailles, Mo. in 1918. Edward Kenneth Woodin died in Versailles in 1929. Elsie continued her practice until arthritis in her hands prevented her from continuing Osteopathic manipulation. She divided her time between her daughters until her death June 28, 1964 in Versailles. She will always be remembered as "Doc" Woodin by her many friends. *By Wm. W. Williams*

## HENRY WOODS

Henry Woods, a Negro servant of Col. S.H. Woods and his wife, came with the Woods family from Rocky Mount, Va., leaving there for Missouri the middle of Sept. 1855. Henry's wife, Hanna Parks Woods, was also along. There were sixty in the caravan of wagons and teams, carriages and horses, including Col. and Mrs. Woods, their Negro slaves, Dr. Peter George Woods, Dr. Pyrant Thompson James, Charles Carroll Woods, Emily Ruth Stovall Woods, Nannie Julia Woods, Samuel Elwyn Price and others.

The Woods caravan was preceded by Col. Woods riding horseback to make arrangements for camping for the group, preferably near a farm house. One of the Negro women gave birth to a baby as they were traveling thru the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia.

When the got to Cairo, Ill. they loaded their goods on a steamboat on the Mississippi River and sent it to St. Louis, then by train to Jefferson City. The wagons and carriages were taken across the Mississippi River. The goods and people went by Missouri Pacific train from St. Louis to Washington, Mo., which was as far as the railroad extended then.

Hearing that people were dying of small pox in Jefferson City, the people and caravan traveled to Tuscumbia and thence to Morgan County in a snowstorm. They stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter three miles east of Versailles on what is now Highway 52 until they could get possession of "Whitehall" a home with many acres of land which Col. Woods purchased. Several slaves and members of the Hunter family are buried in a family cemetery at "Whitehall", surrounded by a grove of cedar trees.

Henry and his wife, Hanna Parks Woods had three sons, Ross, b. 1885 — d, 1960, who married Myra Holder, b. Sept. 27, 1898, the daughter of Doran and Dolly Holder, on May 29, 1917; Lou Ollie (Doggie) Woods, b. Apr. 5, 1888, and Allie (Pap) Woods, born in Versailles.

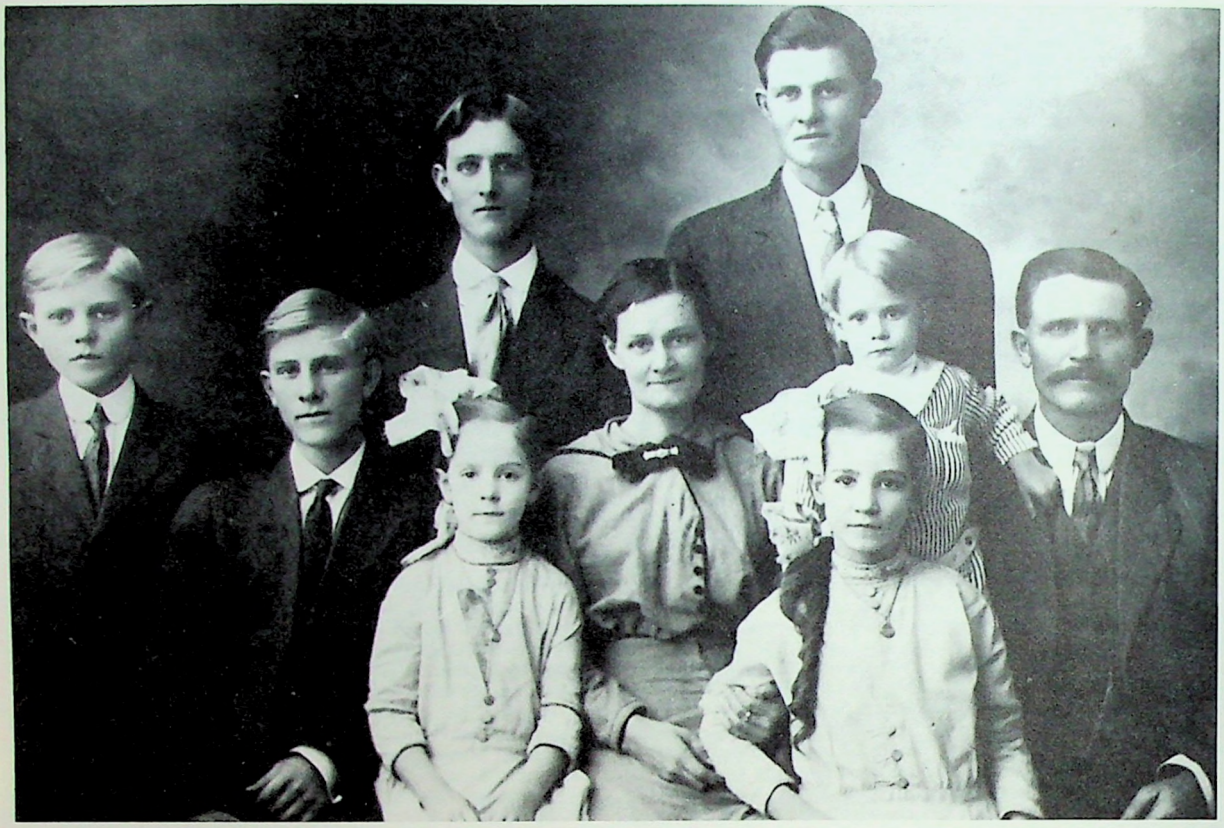
Ross Woods and his wife, Myra Holder Woods had three sons, David, b. June 18, 1926, Robert, b. Oct. 30, 1920 and Joseph Woods, b. David and Robert, who were never married, live in Versailles; Joseph married Dorothy Christienson, daughter of Walter Franklin and Ethel Redmond Christienson. Their children are Annetta Elaine, Alfred Emmanuel, Dwight Russell, Myra Ann, Calvin Ross, Robert Leon, Joseph Edward, Patricia Kay and Walter Woods. *David Woods*

## JESSE WOODS

Michael Woods was born in 1684 in North Ireland. He married Mary Campbell of Argylshire, Scotland. They came to America near the close of the first quarter of the 18th century, living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and later Albermarle County, Virginia.

One of their great grandsons, Green Woods, came to Missouri in the early 1800's. His grandson, Jesse Woods, who married Iona Henry, lived in Morgan County in the 1920's, at the Morris Lammert or Rouse farm on Highway 5 and also south of Excelsior near the Kelsay Cemetery. Their daughters, Vera Mae and Mildred, graduated from Versailles High School.

Jesse, son of Emily Elizabeth Cook and John Estes Woods, was born April 1, 1872 northeast of Fortuna and died March 21, 1947. Iona (Henry) Woods, daughter of Elizabeth Garn and Calvin Henry, was born October 10, 1870 and died October 25, 1962. Their children were: Floyd married Zela Hays,



Jesse and Iona (Henry) Woods Family
*L to r:* Bryson, Gordon, Gregory, Floyd, Armin, Mildred and Vera Mae.

Gregory married Rose Charles, Gordon married Mildred Jennison, Vera Mae married Benton Summers, Mildred married Leonard Williams, Arnim married Mabel Garrison.

Gregory Woods, born November 14, 1895 northeast of Fortuna, died in Fortuna May 18, 1974. He married Rose Charles, daughter of Alpha Newkirk and Sam Charles. She was born February 7, 1898. They had one daughter, Naomi, born February 27, 1919 northeast of Fortuna where her father Gregory and Grandfather Jesse were born. Naomi attended school in Fortuna and Central Business College in Sedalia. She has worked for forty-one years as bookkeeper at Tipton Mfg. Co., Tipton, Gregory, Rose and Naomi lived in Morgan County on the Bill Chaney farm north of Glensted from 1942 to 1958, when they moved to Fortuna, just over the Morgan-Moniteau County line, where they were all members of the United Methodist Church.

A sister of Jesse Woods, Annie Woods, born June 6, 1863 and died July 22, 1892, married Millard F. Jones, who was born July 28, 1850 and died January 20, 1894. He was cashier of the Bank of Versailles at the time of his death, and also operated a hardware store in Versailles at one time. They had three children; Mord, Ethel and Archie. *Naomi Woods*

## SAMUEL HAIRSTON WOODS

Samuel Hairston Woods was the son of Robert Woods of Ireland, who landed on the shore of Virginia about 1730. He came to Morgan County, Mo. from Rocky Mount, Franklin County, Va. just before Christmas, 1855. He married Sicily Patterson March 21, 1822.

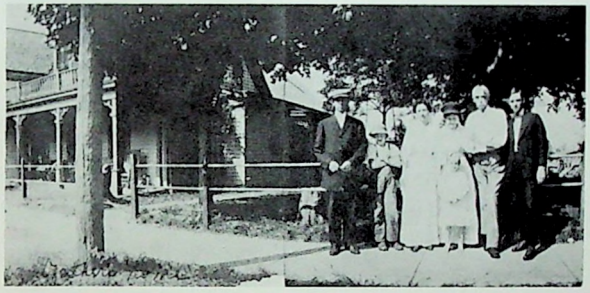
Peter George, the youngest of their nine children, was born Dec. 19, 1844.

On moving to Morgan County, Samuel and Sicily purchased one thousand acres of land four miles east of Versailles, on which was located a large white two-story house which they named, "Whitehall". Sicily died Aug. 28, 1868.

Naomi Woods, age 16 months with 4 generations of grandmothers
*Front row, l-r:* Elizabeth Henry, 73; Nannie Newkirk, 63; and Mary Charles, 80. *Back row:* Iona Woods, 49; Rosa Woods, her mother, 22; and Alpha Charles 40.

Dr. Peter George Woods

Samuel died July 13, 1876. They are buried under the pines and cedars in the family burying grounds at Whitehall, together with some of their black slaves.



At Woods home on East Newton St., Versailles
Richard H. Woods, Lorenzo Yarnell, Nancy Woods Yarnell, Margaret Dunlap Woods, Dr. P.G. Woods, Weightstill Woods and Ruth Yarnell

Peter George was born at Freecastle, Va., later making the trip to Morgan County, Mo. with his family. He attended St. Louis Medical College and returned to Whitehall after he graduated in 1867. On Nov. 10, 1868 he married Susan Harriet Parkes, daughter of Weightstill Avery Parkes, and granddaughter of William and Elizabeth Parkes. They resided in Burke County, N.C. after the death of William Parks in 1828. His widow with their children, relatives and neighbors prior to 1837, came to Missouri and settled in Morgan County.

Peter George and Susan Harriet moved to Versailles July 1870, where he began drug business and prescription practice. In 1882 he became president of the Bank of Versailles, resigning in 1898.

Children of Peter George and Susan Harriet were: Edna, Eva, George, Richard Harry, Nancy Mosel, Herbert Spencer and Weightstill Arno.

Edna was born Nov. 11, 1869. She married Joseph H. Banks. Edna died Oct. 14, 1893 and was buried at Versailles.

Eva was born Oct. 13, 1872 and married David Cary Peters at Versailles, where they lived for a time.

George, born March 25, 1875, is buried at Whitehall.

Richard Harry was born May 11, 1876. He studied law at the University of Missouri, Columbia. From June 8, 1897 until his death he was a member of the Missouri Bar. He was engaged in banking in Colorado for a time. He practiced law in St. Louis and for decades in Versailles. During his active years he taught Men's Bible Classes and was a daily reader of the Bible. He became a member of the Versailles Masonic Lodge, Feb. 1899 and remained a member until his death. He was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter since Aug. 6, 1900. He was a member of the Sedalia Council No. 42 of Royal Select Masters and, for almost 60 years, was a Knights Templar.

Richard was never married and died at Masonic Hospital, St. Louis Jan. 31, 1958. He is buried in the family lot in Versailles Cemetery.

Nancy Mosel was married to Dr. E.P. Yarnell.

Herbert Spencer was born April 12, 1881 and attended schools at Versailles, St. Joseph High and the University of Missouri. He became a chemistry professor. He died at Fort Worth, Texas in the winter of 1920, and is buried at Versailles.

Weightstill Arno was born June 10, 1885. He attended Versailles schools, University of Missouri, University of Illinois and McGill University at Montreal, Canada. In 1915 he married Miss Mary Holderness. They had five children. They lived in Illinois and he was a prominent attorney in Chicago and Springfield, Ill. He visited Versailles about twice a year and became a life member of the Morgan County Historical Society of which he was a great benefactor. A tribute was paid to him in the Versailles Leader-Statesman upon his death Jan. 28, 1970. He is buried in Hopewell Cemetery. Susan Harriet Woods died April 1909.

Dr. Peter George Woods was married to Margaret Dunlap Oct. 26, 1910. She was born in California, Mo. June 27, 1862. After her marriage to Dr. P.G. Woods she lived in Versailles until her death, Jan. 30, 1940. She was a member of the Christian church and prominent in social and civic affairs as long as her health permitted.

Dr. P.G. Woods and his lovely wife were laid to rest in the family lot in the Versailles Cemetery. He died Sept. 11, 1919.
*By Ruth Woods Yarnell*

## LAWRENCE WOOLERY

This note about the history of the Woolery descendants in Morgan county and the surrending county will be rather brief as it would require a whole book by itself to the complete story as the Woolery ansesrors came to America better than two hundred and twenty five years ago. The name Woolery is an angliczed version of Ulerich, Uhl being the German word for wool.

The descendants of Lawrence Woolery is the one that is concerned here. Lawrence Woolery b. 1739 d. 1839. Buried in Cooper county John Woolery b. about 1750 died about 1828.

The brothers Lawrence and John Woolery landed in New York sometime before the Revolution, as Lawrence fought as a Private in the revolution, from these two brothers there are thousands of descendants scattered through the fifty states, after the war of Independence was over Lawrence moved to Kentucky for a while then later on he came to Cooper County Mo, and many of Lawrence Woolery descendants moved to Morgan County, at the present there are seventeen descendants living in Morgan county, which are the following Sally (Woolery) Gerlt, John Wilber Gerlt, John Thomas Gerlt, Richard Eugene Gerlt, William Richard Gerlt, Robert Eugene Gerlt, John Lyles Woolery, Alma (Woolery) Coester, Claud William Woolery, Marvin William Woolery, Robert Steven Woolery, Glen William Woolery, Phillip John Woolery, Jennifer Lynn Woolery, Walter Lee Woolery, Carolne Sue Woolery, and Johnelven Thorman Woolery.

## JOHN C. WOOLERY

Five of the 16 grandchildren of John C. Woolery still live in Morgan County: Claude and John Elvin near Fortuna, Lyles near Glensted, Mrs. Walter (Sally) Gerlt in Versailles, and Mrs. Elroy (Alma) Koester in Stover.

The name Woolery is an Anglicized version of Ulerich, a German name. There were at least two brothers, John and Lawrence, who came to America from Holland. John settled in Pennsylvania, Lawrence in New York. Lawrence moved on to Kentucky and later to Cooper County, Mo. where he died in 1839 at the age of 100 years.

Lawrence's third son, George Woolery, served a short time in Capt. Sam Ross's Co. of Detatched Ohio Melitia in 1814.

John C. Woolery and Sara (Painter) Woolery

He evidently left Madison County Kentucky for Cooper County soon after the 1812 war. He had married Matilda Lee in Kentucky. They had 10 children, the tenth and last was John B. Woolery, father of John C.

John B. only lived 31 years but he and Martha Ann Smith whom he married in 1845 had 5 children. They lived near Otterville in Cooper County.

John C. was born March 8, 1852. He moved to Morgan County where he married Emily Osborn in October, 1869. He spent most of his life in Morgan County, was a farmer near Glensted.

The first five children of John C. and Emily died in infancy. Two sons, James F. and Charles M., lived to rear families in Morgan County.

James F. (Jim) married Emma Fannie Thorman and they farmed near Fortuna. One of their grandsons, Marvin, owns and lives on the farm today. James and Emma had three children, Mrs. Isaac (Marie) Dilks who lives now near Kingsville, Mo., and Claude and John Elvin who still live in Morgan County near Fortuna. Marie had previously married Gilbert Sims, a Morgan County boy, who died. They had one daughter, Sharon, who is in Kansas City.

Claude married Isabelle Sanders and they have six children, Emma Joan, Lois Jean, Marvin, Betty Mae, Phillip, and Walter, most of whom are still in Morgan County. Claude farmed all of his life but also supplemented it with work at the Prison Farm and later for the Fischer Mfg. Co. at Tipton. He is retired and still living near Fortuna.

John Elvin also lived on a farm, and for years was the sorghum maker for his community. He was in the service in World War II. He married Aldena Frazier and they have two sons, Darrell and Galen. John and Aldena are both retired but still on their farm near Fortuna.

Charles M., the second son of John C. Woolery, farmed in his early years but spent most of his life working for the telephone company at Glensted. He married Martha (Mattie) Lyles and when they took over the telephone job she ran the switchboard and he kept up the lines and installed and repaired telephones. The Charley Woolery's were "the Glensted phone company" for years and years.

Their two children still live in Morgan County, Mrs. Walter (Sally) Gerlt, and John Lyles. Walter and Sally Gerlt, who farmed all their lives, most of it in Morgan County, have now retired in Versailles. They have three sons, Charles at Tipton, John near Glensted, and Richard at Gravois Mills. Lyles Woolery married Lucille Kays and live on the farm where his father started near Glensted. Lyles, too, has retired from a job at the pool table plant at Tipton.

John C. Woolery's first wife, Emily, died when James and Charles were very small and he married Sarah M. (Sally) Painter. Two more sons were born, William H. and Rowen S.

William H. Woolery, a rural mail carrier until his death in the 1918 flu epidemic, had married Letitia M. Richardson. She is the only surviving member of her generation of the family. To this union were born three children: Sylvan D. Woolery, Woodrow B. Woolery, and Mrs. Marvin (Sunshine) Gerlt. Sylvan Woolery, who formerly taught school in Morgan County is retired from 37 years work for the state of Missouri and lives in Sedalia. He is married to former Dortha M. Wilcox and they have one son, Dr. William G. Woolery, Nashville, Tn. Woodrow Woolery married LaVona Vogt and after his service in the Navy in World War II they lived in Kansas City where he worked 30 years for General Motors Co. He died in January, 1978. Sunshine and her husband, Marvin Gerlt, have lived in St. Louis since the late 1930's. They have two sons, Manuel and Phillip, both pharmacists, Manuel in Sedalia and Phillip in St. Louis.

John C. Woolery's youngest son, Rowen S., first married Lula Inge and they had one son, Jewell, who lives in Sedalia. Jewell married Leta Rodenbach and they have two children, Yvonne Main in Sedalia and John in California.

Rowen farmed most of his life after working in Sedalia for a few years. Lula Inge, his first wife, died, and he married Golda McCray. Eight children were born: Earl and Omer were in World War II and after the war settled at Spencer, Iowa, where they still live.

Orval Woolery, a Baptist minister in Sedalia, is married to Ruth Schindhelm and they have 4 children, Mrs. Woodrow (Elizabeth) Coughennower, Butler, Mo., Mrs. Junior (Ellen) Roweton, Springfield, Mo., Eddie and Ben both in Joplin, Mo.

Wilma, who married Homer Schoening, died several years ago; Ralph Woolery lives in Wichita, Kansas;

Elsie Margaret Brabley is in Sedalia;

Alma Woolery married Elroy Koester and they operate a hatchery at Stover, Mo. Their daughter, Joan Doolady, lives in Columbia. The youngest is Mrs. Lloyd (Glenda) Davis, living in Sedalia. They have a daughter, Deborah Diehl, in Sedalia. *Sylvan D. Woolery*

## ROWEN WOOLERY

Rowen Samuel Woolery, son of John C. and Sarah Painter Woolery, was born October 9, 1885. He married Lulu Inge in 1907. They had two children, Madge stillborn (1908) and Jewel. Lulu died in 1910 at age 21, and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia.

In 1912 Rowen married Golda Mabel McCray, born April 28, 1891, daughter of William Thomas and Lillian Belle Carr McCray. They had eight children: Earl, Omer, Alma Lillie, Orval, Wilma, Ralph, Elsie Margret, and Glenda.

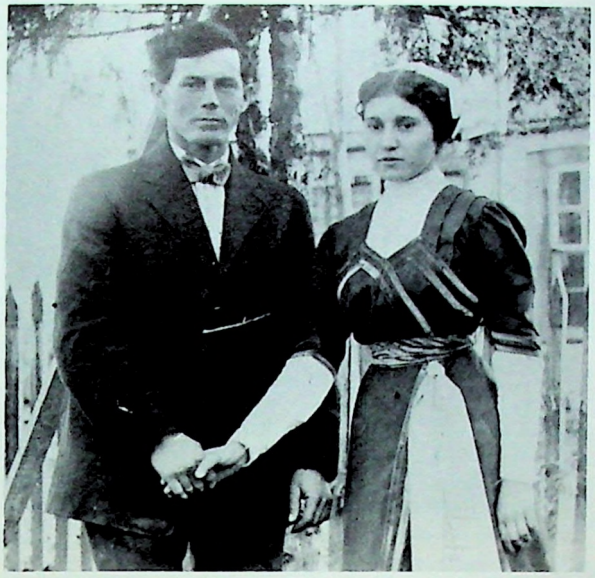
During Rowen's first marriage and the early years of his second marriage the family lived in Sedalia where Rowen worked at the railroad shops, but soon moved back to Morgan County to farm.

After Rowen's death, Golda moved to Sedalia where she was engaged in the restaurant business. After several years she sold her restaurant and took employment as a telephone operator at Fortuna. She was affiliated with the East Sedalia Baptist Church. Upon her retirement she returned to Morgan County.

Jewel married Leta Rodenbach at Florence where they operated a grocery before moving to Sedalia where Jewel was employed by Missouri Public Service until he retired. They have two children, Yvonne (Main) and John.

Earl, a World War II veteran, married Charlotte Wilkie in Iowa. He first worked for farmers, then clerked in a store until he was stricken with polio. After that, he worked for Pepsi Bottling Company. Their children were Larry (1947-1954), Linda (Menting), Randy, and Lori.

Omer, a World War II veteran, married Mildred Wilkie in Iowa where they reared their family. He worked for farmers except for a few years when he operated a service station. Their children are Ernest, Alice (Gaumer), Howard, Dennis,



Rowen and Golda Woolery

Jean (Pierce), Donald, Barbara (Cartensen), Terry, Dale, Sandra (Kutz) Lanny, and Elizabeth.

Alma married Elroy Koester. They reside in Stover and operate the Stover Chick Hatchery. They have one daughter, Joanne (Doolady). (See Elroy Koester Biography).

Orval married Ruth Schindhelm. Their children are Beth (Coughennower), Ellen (Roweton), Edward, and Ben. Orval, a Baptist minister, is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, William Jewell College, and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, with a Master of Divinity Degree from the latter. He lives in Sedalia where he has served Harmony Baptist Association as Director of Missions 15 years.

Wilma (1922-1965) married Homer Schoening from Iowa. They were living in Texas when Wilma succumbed to leukemia. Burial was in Sioux City, Iowa.

Ralph served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Viola Weed and moved to Wichita, Kansas where they still reside. He worked for a trucking firm, then established his own trucking service.

Margret first married Ward Busker. They had one son, Gene. Later she married Ervin Bradley and lived in Independence, Kansas where he died in 1978. They had two children; Ardenia and Sam.

Glenda married Lloyd Davis in Sedalia where they still reside. They have one daughter, Deborah (Diehl).

Rowen died October 27, 1941, and Golda February 14, 1961. They are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Sedalia. *By Alma Lillie Koester*

## WILLIAM ELLISON WRIGHT

William Ellison Wright was born in Indiana, Nov. 20, 1847 and died May 28, 1917. He was a Civil War veteran, joined the 62nd Ill. Volunteer Infantry and served 3 years or until the end of the war. He was a GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) man. He was married to Anna Mary Fieandt September 20, 1868 and they lived south of Stover. She was born July 31, 1852 in Ohio and died October 11, 1897. They are buried in the Pleasant Union Cemetery.

They had a son, first child, who died in infancy. Also in later years a little daughter, named Gertie, who died — no record of date.

Rest of family as follows:

*Asa Ethelbert*, born November 19, 1870, died September 6, 1959. He was married to Effie Taylor and they had four children: Austie Geneva (Eva), Myrtle, Jessie and Earl.

*Emma Ellen* was born January 4, 1873, died August 10, 1970. She was married to John Wrieden and they had four children: Oscar, Aubrey, Roma and Earl.

*Charles William* was born July 31, 1876. About 1901 he moved to Fortuna, Missouri and on April 2, 1905 he married Nellie Thixton (daughter of Thompson M. and Amanda C. Thixton). They lived in Joplin a while after getting married, where he worked in the mines. They then moved to Stover where he did carpenter work. They had two daughters — Hazel Irene (Shepp) and Lillian Faye (Charles). (See Thompson M. Thixton biography for their families).

*Harrison Wheeler* born January 1, 1878.

*Raymond Ralph* born June 27, 1880. He was married to Hilla Braden.

*Flora Hester* was born February 10, 1883 and died September 28, 1969. She was married to Bart (Bud) Groff and they had five children: Fern, Dorcie, Ruby, Juanita and Naomi.

*Winfred Carmen* was born April 3, 1886, died September 19, 1969. He was married to Alice Frisch and they had one son, Jack.

*Eva Nell* was born November 12, 1888. Single, now living in Kansas City.

*George Roy* was born September 20, 1891, and was married to Mattie Flowers. He died in 1974. His wife Mattie now lives in the Brooking Park Village Retirement Home, Sedalia. They had four children, one who died in infancy, and Winnifred, Ailene and Carroll Dean.

*Grace Edna*, born August 9, 1894, was married to Charles Samuels. He died several years ago. Grace has one son, Carroll Leo Van Den Heurh, by a previous marriage, and one step-son, Charles Samuels. Grace lives in Walnut Creek, California. *Joan E. Shipp*

## ALLEN "HARVEY" YARNELL

Allen Harvey Yarnell, son of Ilene and Gerald Yarnell, Versailles, Mo. He attended private kindergarten, elementary and high school here, and the Tri-County Technical School, Eldon, Mo. He joined the Glensted, Mo. United Church on Easter Sunday, Apr. 6, 1969. He is a former Marvin, Mo. 4-H Club member, and was a Boy Scout. He is employed by Yarnell D X Station.

Kimmie Jo and Harvey Yarnell

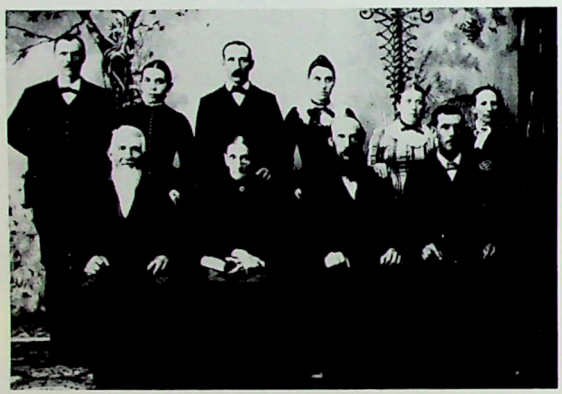
His organizations include: Life member, State Hist. Soc. of Mo.; National Society of Sons of American Colonists; Life member Morgan County Mo. Hist. Society. Member of Versailles Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Rural Fire Dept.

Married Kimmie Jo Drake, dau. of Dolores Jane (Garrett) and the late Frederick James "Bobby" Drake. Her maternal grandparents were: Beulah Gay Roberts and Pleasant Earnest Garrett. Paternal grandparents, Lelia Mae Newkirk and "Byron" Decker Drake. The paternal great grandparents: Lydia Elizabeth Decker and James Eldridge Drake resided at Clarence, Iowa.

Kimmie Jo, is a member of the Tipton, Mo. Christian Church; and a graduate of Tipton, Mo. High School. She received "Professional Certificate in Secretarial Science" May 24, 1975 from State Fair Community College, Sedalia, Mo. and is presently employed as a Secretary in the Morgan County R. 2 School, Versailles, Mo.

## GERALD YARNELL

Gerald Yarnell, born at Akinsville, Mo. attended elementary school there; and Versailles, Mo. High School. (He rode on the first bus route into Versailles, the bus was owned by Jesse E. Morris.) Served in the U.S. Navy. Presently operates Yarnell D X Station, located at West Junction 5 & 52 highway, Versailles, Mo. He is a Director of Morgan Co. R II School Board; and is a member of Versailles City, and the Rural Fire Dept. Married, Ilene Sims, dau. of Aubrey J. Sims. The Yarnell's children are: Rita, wife of Carl W. Simmons II, Holt Summit, Mo.; A. Harvey Yarnell, Versailles, Mo.; and Viola Ann Yarnell, at home.



Wm. Lyles and wife Martha (Morris) and family

Mrs. Yarnell attended Walnut Grove and Ball Elementary School. Attended: Southwest Bapt. College, Bolivar, Mo.; Northeast Mo. State College, Kirksville, Mo.; and Texas College Arts and Industries, Kingsville, Tex., receiving the A.E. & B.A. Degrees. She taught the following, Morgan County Schools — Mt. Olive, Walnut Grove, Salmon and Berkstresser.

She served as Morgan County Chairman for "Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue" Pub. 1963 by St. Hist. Soc., Columbia, Mo. Her organizations: Charter Member, Niangua Chapter D.A.R., served as Genealogical recorder 1957-1978. Senior sponsor of Ha Ha Tonka C.A.R. Life Member, Mo. State Historical Soc., Columbia. Life Member, Morgan Co. Mo. Hist. Society. Member, Epsilon Delta Chi Sigma Chapter. Member, K.C. Branch of Needlework Guild of America.

The Yarnell family attend Glensted, Mo. United Methodist Church.

The Yarnell ancestors came to Moniteau County, Mo. in 1869 from Wooster County, Ohio. *Ilene Yarnell*

## EDGAR PEYTON YARNELL

Edgar Peyton Yarnell was born May 10, 1876 in Moniteau County, Mo. near High Point, the son of Mordecai and China Standifer Yarnell.

He attended local schools and entered Western Dental College in Kansas City, Mo. August 1895.

After graduation he located at Conway Springs, Kan. A few months later, December, 1899, he settled at Versailles where he made his home and practiced his profession until his death.

Dr. E.P. Yarnell working on a patient's teeth

On Dec. 18, 1901 he married Nancy Mosel Woods, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P.G. Woods. They had two children, Edward Lorenzo and Harriet Ruth.

Nancy Mosel Woods Yarnell

Dr. Yarnell served several terms as a member of the Boarc of Education of the Versailles schools and was active in civi organizations. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He died November 20, 1947 and was buried in the family lot in the Versailles Cemetery.

His wife, Nancy Mosel Woods, was born in Versailles, Aug 22, 1878. She was educated in the Versailles schools, leavin Versailles High School as a member of the first graduatin class in 1895. She attended William Woods College in Fulton Mo., graduating in 1889.

During her married life to Dr. E.P. Yarnell, she was a de voted homemaker and mother of her two children. She was dedicated church member. She belonged to the Twentiet Century Club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She died Nov. 28, 1939 and was buried in the family lot i the Versailles Cemetery.

Edward Lorenzo was born April 2, 1903 in Versailles an received his education in the Versailles schools. He died afte completing his junior year in high school on June 6, 1920. H is buried in the Versailles Cemetery.

Harriet Ruth was born April 5, 1909 in Versailles. She attended the Versailles schools and Central Business College in Sedalia, Mo. She is a charter and lifetime member of the Morgan County Historical Society. She lives in Kansas City, Mo. *By Ruth Yarnell*

## JAMES G. YARNELL

James G. Yarnell was born Feb. 1, 1889. He was the first of five children born to Manning F. Yarnell and Almeda Martin Yarnell. Manning Yarnell was born in Ashland County, Ohio in 1862, the son of James and Sarah Yarnell. On March 15, 1888 he married Almeda Martin, the daughter of John G. and Wilmina Martin. Almeda was born March 1, 1868 in Moniteau County, Missouri. After their marriage they lived in rural Morgan County where they raised their family, and engaged in farming.

On Dec. 25, 1910, James married a rural school teacher, Nellie E. Clark (1-25-1890); the daughter of Ella Tipton and Robert Perry Clark.

Ella Clark (11-24-1852) was born in Boone County, the daughter of Larkin P. Tipton and Priscilla Fox, both of whom were born in Kentucky.

Perry Clark was born Sept. 14, 1855 in Iowa and came to Morgan County in 1865. He and Ella Tipton were married April 27, 1879 and had five children.

James G. and Nellie Yarnell had three daughters; Doris, Mildred and Juanita, two of whom still live in Morgan County. They were both descendants of English ancestory, he on the paternal side, she on the maternal side.

Most of the people in America, bearing the surname, Yarnell, are believed to be descendants of two brothers, Francis and Phillip Yarnell, who came to America in 1683, one year after Wm. Penn founded his colony.

The first family records are found in a family Bible, printed in 1545 in Edingburgh, Scotland by Adrian Watkings, his Majesty's printer. It was brought to America by Phillip Yarnell, and in it names and birth dates of his children were recorded. It is still in possession of one of the Yarnell families.

The early spelling of the name was also Yarnall, the Yarnell version being adopted after a spelling of the name with an "e" appeared on a tax receipt in the 1700's. *By Juanita Yarnell*

## MANNING FARCE YARNELL

In 1888 Manning Farce Yarnell bought a 160-acre farm in Morgan County, Missouri near Lone Star School in the Akinsville Community and moved there with his new bride. He and his wife raised their family of five children on this farm and resided there until advancing age and Manning's failing eyesight forced them to leave the farm. They moved to Versailles, Missouri in 1926 and resided at 401 South Maple Street until their decease.

The Yarnells in America are believed to have all descended from two brothers, Francis and Philip Yarnall (an alternate spelling of the name), who came to America from England in 1683, just one year after William Penn had founded his colony. The early Yarnells were Quakers. The Yarnell family in England was situated in the small town of Cloynes in Worchestershire County.

Manning Farce Yarnell is descended from the younger brother, Philip, who was born in England on June 6, 1664, came to America with his brother Francis in 1683, and settled in Pennsylvania.

Manning's ancestors moved westward from Pennsylvania, settling for a while in Wayne County, Ohio before coming on to Missouri. They lived in Henry County, Missouri for a time, then moved in 1875 into Moniteau County, Missouri where Manning grew up, being the eleventh of the twelve children of James and Sarah Patterson Yarnell. Manning lived in and around Clarksburg, Missouri in Moniteau County until his marriage.

Manning Farce Yarnell was born in Wayne County, Ohio on March 16, 1862. On March 15, 1888 he married Almeda Martin of Clarksburg, Missouri. They had five children: James Gist, Arthur Clarence, Gertrude Leona, Grace Pearl, and Nellie Mae.

Manning Farce Yarnell, age 16

James Gist married Nellie Clark in 1910. Their children were: Doris Marie, who married T.L. Smith; Mildred Frances, who married Joshua Frisbie; and Juanita Lucille.

Arthur Clarence married Sally Drake in 1914. Their children were: Vivian Brooks, who married Elbert Akin; and Gerald Drake, who married Ilene Sims.

Gertrude Leona married James N. Blanks in 1913. Their children were: Cecil Almeda, who married Wray Wininghamm; and Dorothy Leona, who married Shelby Wininghamm.

Grace Pearl married Roy E. Wendleton. Their children were: Henry Manning, who married Izetta Bowen; Lola Marcelle, who married Marvin Tietjen and later married Russell Rusk; Roy Mancel, who married Jo Bennett and later married Marianne; Jeanne Ellen, who married Milton Schilds; and the twins: Fay, who married Ira Williams; and Kay, who married Richard Woods.

Nellie Mae married Alfred E. Williams in 1918. Their children were: Trusten Manning, who died at age one month; Guido Stanley, who died of diphtheria at age 3; Loetta Mae, who married Joe T. Pace; and the twins: Alfred, who married Thelma June Sidebottom; and Aleine, who married Thomas L. Dunnaway and later married Charles Brown. *Submitted by: Loetta Pace*

## GEORGE AMEL YOUNG

George Amel Young was born May 7, 1891 near Florence, the fourth in the family of 11 children of John and Emma (Brown) Young. His father came to America from Germany as a child. His mother was one of the nine children of Theodore Brown and Magdalena Walters Brown, born in Germany (1832).

He grew up northwest of Pyrmont. He attended Oakland Rural School and the parochial school of Trinity Lutheran Church at Pyrmont, where he was confirmed in 1907.

As a young man he worked several years for farmers in Illinois. He also worked some for farmers in the area between Stover and Versailles. Also, during those years he was considered an excellent wrestler.

On April 14, 1918 George was married to Elsie Grace McCray, born near Glensted Jan. 1, 1897, the daughter of William Thomas and Lillian Belle Carr McCray.

Elsie, one of a family of 13 children, received her elementary education in the Self Chapel School, a large rural school. She then stayed with her sister Golda Woolery in Sedalia and attended high school there. For four years before her marriage she taught school.

George and Ellis (McCray) Young

George and Elsie were the parents of one child, Mildred Irene, who lived only a few days (June 25, 1921 — June 28, 1921).

They lived on their farm in the Pyrmont vicinity and were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Elsie passed away Feb. 23, 1968. Burial was in their church cemetery near her baby girl.

After Elsie's death George sold the farm. He is now a resident of the Golden Age Nursing Home in Stover. *By Mrs. James U. Rastorfer*

## HENRY YOUNG

Henry Young was born near Florence Jan. 4, 1891, the son of John Young (born in Germany) and Emma Brown Young (of German descent).

Henry and Gertie (Hartman) Young

He attended school in Florence until his parents moved to a farm northwest of Pyrmont where their family was reared. He then attended Oakland School (rural) and the parochial school of Trinity Lutheran Church near Pyrmont, where he was confirmed in 1905. He is still a member there.

*Seated:* Gertie and Henry Young; *l-r:* Elroy, Leonard, Shirley, Dorene, Viola, Orva.

As a young boy he worked several years for a neighbor, Rev. Heinz Meyer, as he needed farm help. When nearly 16 he began work at Bebra in Fred Kueck's blacksmith shop. At age 16 he began carrying the mail on a Star Route between Bebra and Mora, depositing mail in the boxes each way, receiving $15.00 per month. Mr. Kueck, who had bid in the route, had him carry it in his place when his own son did not qualify because he was under 16. Henry carried the mail about a year, mainly on horseback, until the route was terminated. The few hours left in the day after he returned from the route, he spent assisting in the blacksmith shop. Later he went to Illinois where for several years he worked for farmers.

On Feb. 28, 1913 he married Woody Wessel and moved to a farm near his father, eventually owning that farm, where he reared his family. Their one son, Elroy, was a small boy when Woody died in 1925. Elroy lives in Stover; married Irene Nolting; one daughter; has operated Young's Plumbing Supplies for years.

On Mar. 22, 1928, Henry married Gertrude Hartman, daughter of Fritz and Ida Boatcher Hartman. They had five children — Dorene, Leonard, Viola, Orva, and Shirley.

Dorene — married John Porter; children, Randy and Tammy; live in Kansas City where Dorene is an Avon representative. John works for Santa Fe Trucklines.

Leonard — works on construction as a heavy equipment operator; married Violet Turpin; children, Connie, Ricky, and Brenda; they live in Stover.

Viola — widow of Robert Nelms, a retired Army officer, lives in Boonville but works in Mo. University in Columbia; children, Christy, Linda, and Robbie.

Orva — lives with parents in Stover; worked many years for his brother Elroy making drainage tile; now does odd jobs.

Shirley — married Woodrow Bush; one daughter Shelly; works for Smithson's, Inc. (quilting factory) in Stover. Woodrow is manager for DeLong Steel in Sedalia.

In 1929 Henry began work for Morgan County, which included building and repairing county roads, continuing at this work about 19 years.

For several years he was a member of the Martin School Board, serving as president much of that time.

In 1952 he was elected to the Morgan County Court as Judge of the Western District, where he served 8 years.

He moved to Stover in 1960, where, after his last term as Judge of the County Court, he retired, maintaining his usual interest in the events of the times, both far and near. *By Mrs. James U. Rastorfer*

## JOHN YOUNG

John Young was born Jan. 15, 1856 in Hanover, Germany, where his father was a mule buyer. After he had bought a suitable sized herd, he took them to a mule market across the Rhine River. The herd traveled in a long line, each mule tied onto the tail of the mule ahead. They swam the river. Throughout life a hard worker, John began as a boy in Germany herding cattle.

John Young Family
Henry, Emma, Herman (baby), George, John holding Minnie, Lewis, and Clara (in back).

About 1866 when John was 12 years old, the family came to America. The family, at that time, probably included all of their seven children: Mary (married Adolph Boeschen), Margaret (married — Frerking), John, Claus, Henry, Clement, and Herman. The sailing vessel on which they came was unseaworthy and barely weathered a furious storm at sea one night. A few people aboard did lose their lives. John's father, despairing of living through it, told his family, "It is all over."

Emma (Brown) Young

They landed in New York and the Youngs came on to Boonville, Missouri for a short time, then to Sedalia. Later they settled permanently on a farm near Stover.

On Nov. 8, 1884, John Young married Emma Brown (born Apr. 19, 1863), one of the nine children of Theodore Brown and Magdalena Walters Brown, born in Germany 1832. They first lived near Florence, then moved to a farm northwest of Pyrmont where they reared their family. They were the parents of 11 children:

Clara, born 1885 — married Louis Reiser; had one son, Henry.

Louis (Sept. 24, 1887 — Sept. 5, 1904) died from infection following a harvesting accident.

Henry, born 1890 — first married Woody Wessel (died 1925); one son, Elroy; married second, Gertrude Hartman; children, Dorene, Leonard, Viola, Orva, and Shirley.

George, born May 7, 1891 — married Elsie McCray; one daughter, Mildred Irene, died in infancy.

Ernest — died in infancy.

Minnie — died age about 3 yrs.

Herman — (1896-1978) first married Bertha Lutjen who died when their only child, Berdell, was an infant; married second, Clara Simon; they had five children: Herbert, Harding (died in World War II), Reno, Angeline, and Jeanette.

Annie — died age three.

Lena — married Claus Holsten; had three sons, Richard, who died in World War II; Vernon; and Orva (died in infancy).

Albert and Theodore, twins — deceased.

After John's death in 1931, Emma lived several years in the country, then moved to Stover. She was well known as an energetic woman, very industrious. In the country she gardened, raised various fruits, and kept poultry. She was never idle. When not occupied with her farm related work, her spinning wheel whirred as she spun wool into yarn, which she knit into gloves, stockings, etc.

John died March 19, 1931. Emma died June 5, 1957. They are buried in the cemetery beside the Pyrmont Trinity Lutheran Church of which, as long as they lived in the area, they were faithful members. *By Mrs. James U. Rastorfer*

## KARL AUGUST ZWANZIG

Karl August (Augustes) Zwanzig was born in Neumark, near Leipzig, Saxony, Germany September 25, 1830. At the age of 17 he entered Leipzig University where his uncle was a professor. In 1848 or 1849 he migrated to America and settled on land patents he obtained near Illinois City, Illinois.

August Zwanzig in 1890

On Jan. 2, 1853 he married Margaret Fuhr, a first generation American of German parents. August, always trying to improve his lot, went to work in the South and then in Minnesota and finally he returned to his Illinois farm. He worked as a miller while in the South and in Minnesota.

In 1867 he sold his farm and moved his family to Morgan County, Missouri. He purchased another farm about ten miles south of Versailles and built a grist mill which he operated un-

til his death Feb. 20, 1895. He set up the first telephone line in the county to connect his home with the mill across the valley. He also established a post office so he could bring mail from Versailles to his neighbors since rural free delivery of mail was not started until after his death. Zwanzig, Missouri ceased to operate as a post office shortly after his death.

The following children were born and lived to maturity: Edwin (Ed), Bernhardt (Ben), Cassandra, Margaret, Augusta, Herman, Thresa, and Elizabeth. Margaret (Fuhr) Zwanzig died in 1877 and is buried in the family cemetery on the farm.

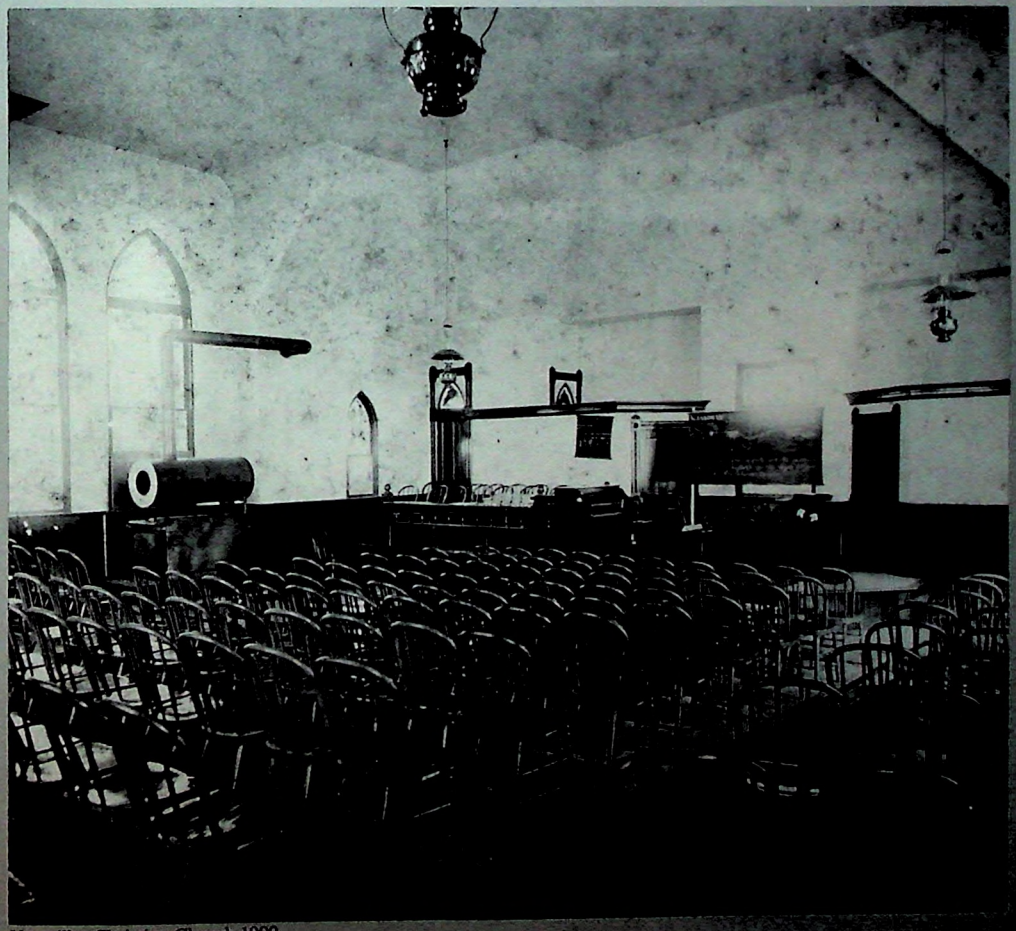
On October 22, 1878 August Zwanzig married Alice (Elisa) Feineman who was born near Bamberg, Baveria, Germany. To this union were born the following children who lived to maturity: Anna, Fredrick (Fred), Herbert (Herb), and Cassius (Cash).

After August's death, Alice operated the mill for a short time with the help of two of her stepsons, Ed and Ben. The mill was later dismantled and sold. Alice continued to manage the farm until her death in 1928. She, too, is buried in the family cemetery.

The Zwanzig children migrated from their home in Morgan County to various places throughout the United States. Ben settled near Kennewick, Washington; Herman moved to Seattle, Washington; Ed ended up in Arizona; Thresa and Elizabeth each married and settled in Nowata, Oklahoma; Cassendra married Joseph Gattermeir and they and their family owned and operated the Olean Rollar Mills in Olean, Missouri until 1970 (89 years); Anna, Fred, Herb, and Cash remained in Morgan County where Fred was elected county sheriff and later county clerk. August's grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren have scattered even more.

Little remains of the material things August Zwanzig amassed in Morgan County; two mill stones which mark his grave, a trace on the ground marks the course of the old mill race, the stumps of some of the piles he drove into the creek bed to divert it to power his mill still stand, the foundation of his home and other buildings, and a portion of the Zwanzig Mill Road. Even though most of the material things are gone, his spirit of honesty, fairness and progressiveness live on.

# CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS



Versailles Christian Church 1900

# Bethel Mennonite Church

This church is located in the country, about twelve miles north and east of Versailles, and about seven miles east and south of Fortuna, Mo. The land borders the extreme southeast corner of Moniteau County.

The congregation, which now consists of about forty families, (126 members), is composed largely of Swiss Ancestry. The early settlers coming to Missouri were mainly from Wayne County, Ohio as early as 1866. Among those early settlers we find such names as, Lehman, Loganbill, Gerber, Aeschbacher, Basinger, Moser, Hofstetter, Welty, Baumgartner, Bucher, and others. Most of these names can still be found in the community today, along with many new names as well.

The present church was built in 1908-1909, and has a seating capacity of 350 on the main floor, and 150 in the balcony.

In June of 1967 the church celebrated its 100th Anniversary with many former members and ministers coming to help celebrate the event.

In 1977 a large educational wing was added to the church, and is used for Sunday School Classes.

The present Pastor of the church is, Dr. Loyd Penner and his wife Helen. Membership is 126 and attendance is good.

O where are kings and empires now
Of old that went and came?
But Lord, Thy church is Praying yet
A thousand years the same.

# Calvary Baptist Church

Ground breaking. Steering Committee & Deacons

Ground breaking. Deacons, Pastor & Yokemen

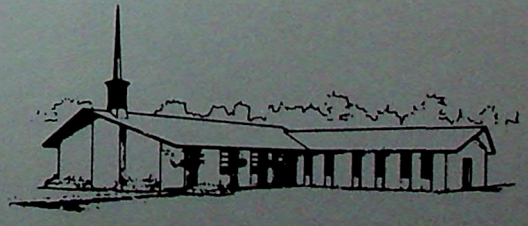
The Calvary Baptist Church of Versailles was organized and constituted in October, 1978. There are 135 members. The Rev. Robert Nichols is pastor and Wayne Garrison is minister of music and education.

The first deacons were Lee Maxwell, James Hutchison, Gary Hurt, Blaine Silvey, James Silvey and Jack Robinson.

The first worship service was held Oct. 1, 1978 with 102 in attendance. Temporary church housing has been in the Heineman building on West Washington Street in Versailles and the auditorium of the Junior High School building across the street.

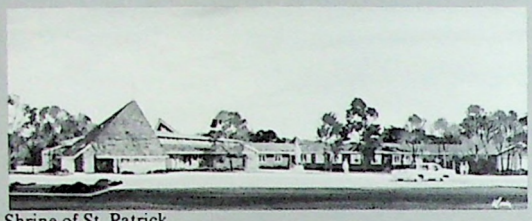
A new church and educational building is under construction 1½ miles west of Versailles on Highway 52, scheduled to be completed Sept. 1, 1979.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the building site on April 15, 1979.



*Calvary Baptist Church*

# Catholic Churches in Morgan County



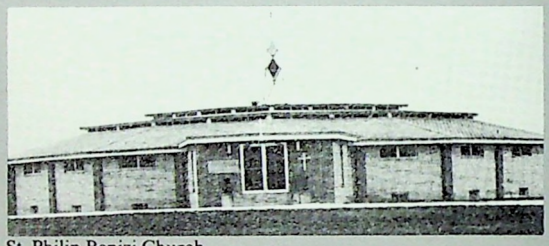
Shrine of St. Patrick

## SHRINE OF ST. PATRICK

Growing pains again have come to St. Patrick's and our beautiful new home, The Shrine of St. Patrick at the Lake of the Ozarks, is located near the intersection of Missouri Highways 5 and 135 at Laurie, about one mile from the site of the original "Old St. Patrick's." The land for this beautiful structure, set in natural woodland surroundings, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Young in memory of Mr. Young's father, Cy Young. Dedication was held in the fall of 1979 with the Most Reverend Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe, Bishop of Jefferson City officiating. Father Fred J. Barnett was in charge of the construction of the New Shrine and was assigned as the Shrine's first Pastor. The first Mass and baptism was held in the Chapel of the Shrine on December 10, 1978. The New Shrine provides a place of worship, a place to meet and a place to teach.

## ST. PHILIP BENIZI CHURCH

In 1962, Father Thomas J. Duggan, listening to the desire of the people surrounding Versailles, began looking for a site to build a Church. The Bishop gave his approval March 20, 1962. The Extension Society notified Bishop Marling on March 1, 1963, that they had a donation of $10,000.00 through the bequest of the late Frank Lewis of Chicago for the proposed new Church, with the stipulation that the Church be called St. Philip Benizi. The first Mass was offered in St. Philip Benizi Church on Thanksgiving Day, 1963. The cornerstone was set in 1963. Most Rev. Joseph M. Marline, Bishop of Jefferson City Diocese, dedicated the church on May 24, 1964.



St. Philip Benizi Church

## THE SECOND ST. PATRICK'S

On October 15, 1951, Father Joseph Wilberding, pastor of Camdenton, serving St. Pat's began construction of the New St. Patrick's Church at Gravois Mills, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stadler donated the land. A larger Church was long needed, due to the increase in summer tourist trade to the Lake of the Ozarks. The structure was completed on July 24, 1952 and the first Mass said and the cornerstone laid. Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of the Kansas City diocese solemnly dedicated the Church on October 4, 1953. This area in 1956 came under the jurisdiction of the newly created diocese of Jefferson City, Mo. In 1961 an addition was built, doubling the size of the congregational use of the Church. In 1958 Father Henry A. Hoffman was assigned as the first Pastor of St. Patrick's at Gravois Mills, and built a rectory next to the church.

# First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church, Versailles, Mo.

On Sunday Jan. 13, 1868, 3 men and 13 women met in the Methodist Church, a frame building that stood about where the present Methodist Church now stands, to organize the First Baptist Church of Versailles.

The Church was organized with the following Charter Members: Col. A.W. Anthony, a lawyer of Morgan County, who served under General Price in the Civil War; Mrs. Catherine Bradbury; Carrie P. Coleman; Josephine V. Coleman, sister of Carrie (the Coleman sisters were great-aunts of Mrs. Bryan Howard Koetting); Jane Day; Norman Gray and wife, Mary L. Gray; Mrs. Catherine Hubbard, (grandmother of Douglas Hubbard and Mrs. Mara Keevil); Mrs. Lucy E. Jobe, (later Todd, and mother of Warren Todd); Alice Lawler, (later Sims); Mrs. Mary Neff; Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton; Dr. Joseph Richard Yates and. his wife, Ellen; Mrs. Elizabeth Wigs Yates, mother of Dr. Yates; and Miss Mary Yates, his sister.

Meeting with the Charter Members was a Council. composed of 5 Pastors, with Rev. J.B. Box acting moderator. The 16 members called the Rev. Box as their first pastor and he served from 1868-1869 and again in 1872. The first Deacons were Dr. Joseph Yates and Col. A.W. Anthony, who were ordained Feb. 1869. Dr. Yates, also was first Sunday. School Superintendent.

For a number of years the organization did not have a church building, and during the first year they held services in the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoons and nights. Later they met in a Private log school house until the County Court granted permission to hold services in the Court House, where services were held until 1879.

The first auditorium was started in 1877, and first services were held July 19, 1879. At that time the building was not completed, it was lathed, but not plastered, no flues, pulpit or seats, and the assembly sat on planks until. the building was completed.

In 1929, when Rev. B.F. Kennedy was pastor, a brick educational building was erected. This building, along with the old auditorium, was torn down in 1948, and the present building was erected in 1948 to 1950. Dr. Alexander Best was pastor during the building program. The first services were held in the new Church on April 2, 1950.

Names of Pastors who served since 1918

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| G.N. Neafus | 1919-20 |
| J.C. Cook | 1921-22 |
| F.C. Richards | 1922-26 |
| H.S. Thornhill | 1927-28 |
| B.F. Kennedy | 1929-36 |
| L.G. Christian | 1936-41 |
| R.H. Nolte | 1942-43 |
| Willard Bright | 1944-48 |
| Dr. Alexander Best | 1948-53 |
| Lloyd Johnson | 1953-59 |
| Charles Sexton | 1959-66 |
| Bob Stokes | 1966-69 |
| Archie Warren | 1969-74 |
| James Hagan | 1974-78 |
| Charles Cox | Interim Pastor Oct. 1978-May 79 |
| Joseph Acuff | Present Pastor. 1979 |

# Glensted Methodist Church

United Methodist Church and Fellowship Hall, Glensted, Mo.

The Glensted Methodist Church South was organized in 1862 and services were held in the old Bethel School, southwest of Glensted, until 1886.

In 1886 the first frame church building, 24 x 36 was erected on ground donated by O.J. Harrison at Glensted. Cost of the building was $600.

Rev. J.F. Hogan preached the first sermon on the fourth Sunday in May, 1886.

In 1894 and for several years Glensted Church was a charge in the Clinton District Southwest Missouri Conference. The pastors lived in a parsonage near the church. They went by horseback or horse and buggy to their appointments.

In later years the churches at Rock Springs, Mt. Nebo and Self Chapel were discontinued and the memberships transferred to Glensted Church.

In June 1903, during the pastorate of Rev. B.A. McKnight, the church building was torn down and replaced by a larger building, the one now in use, dedicated on June 24, 1904.

The Cooper and Murray families, the Waldo Ball's, W.S. Goddard's, Hughes, Lees, Ratcliffs, Smiths, Dornans, Sparkses and Woolerys contributed money and effort in the beginning of the church. Others who helped, not members of the church, included the Joe Milburn family of Freedom Baptist Church.

W.S. Goddard gave the land for the cemetery across the road from the church. It was enlarged recently and incorporated in 1972. Here rest many of the early members of the church. Additional grounds were given by Harry Nolting and Hiram Shepp.

Forty-six pastors have served Glensted Methodist Church. The present Pastor is Rev. George Scott, who is also pastor of the Versailles Methodist Church. The membership is 86 and services are held each first and third Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Gene Klein is superintendent of the Sunday school.

Members of the official board are Dean Thieman, chairman; Jean Anderson, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy McCollister, secretary, who is also pianist and music director.

The Ladies Aid Society was organized in 1918 with Mrs. W.S. Goddard president. There is now an active Women's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. Rose Brewer as president.

In 1960 the fellowship building was erected on the old parsonage lot. Here social gatherings are held. One of the outstanding events held each July is the Community Sing, held on the church lawn in which congregations of other churches in the area participate. Also, the Lord's Acre sale held in the fall, sponsored by the ladies of the church.

The church buildings are well kept and the attendance at the church is excellent.

# Ozark Chapel, United Methodist Church

Ozark Chapel, United Methodist Church, Laurie, Mo.

Early in 1936, Rev. James Prater of Versailles Methodist Church held meetings twice a month at the White Hall school near Purvis, Missouri. Services were also held at the Buck Creek school. On October 27, 1936 the church was organized as Purvis Class of Versailles. Methodist Church with eleven charter members, becoming a mission church two years later when Rev. George Winton served every second Sunday of the month for a period of three years. In October 1941 Rev. W.C. Ragen came and after a revival in Sept. 1943 in Brush Arbor on Highway 5 near lake road 12 and Purvis and Buck Creek, members decided to build a church on land given to them by Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hibdon. With lumber sawed by Geo. Petty and donated labor, the first building was erected under the supervision of Lige Dunnaway. Dedication services were held July 30, 1944. The first trustees to serve were William Silvey, Claude Markum and Ivy Purvis.

In the following years, Rev. William Robinson served beginning Oct. 1945 with services twice a month for four years after which was Rev. G.T. Ralston until October 1950 with services each Sunday. The Rev. Robinson returned in 1952 for one year when funds were raised to add an annex. Rev. P.H. Wilbanks came in 1953 and the annex was started under the supervision of Tom Earl Laurie with mostly donated labor. The annex was ready for use in Dec. 1953 and debt free in 1954.

A new parsonage was built in 1959 next door to the existing church building. The Rev. L.E. Norton served a short period in 1958. Rev. Wm. Eckerle served until 1963 and was followed by pastor J.H. Thornberry until 1969. Rev. L.V. Hubbard served 1969-1970. In 1972 under the pastorate of Rev. Milton Borg, definite plans were made for a new church structure. After a financial crusade was undertaken and salvagable parts of the building were sold at auction, final services were held at the old structure March 3, 1974 and ground breaking services were held for the new building March 24 with Sadalia Dist. Supt. in charge.

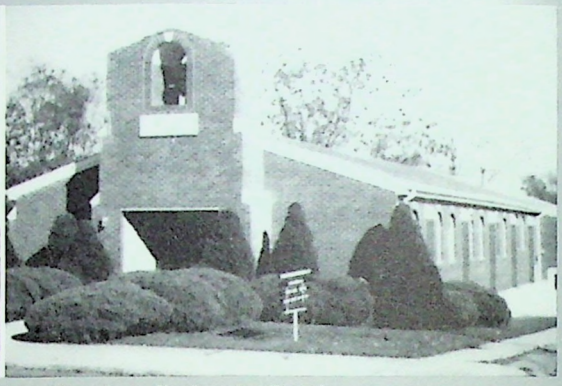
Claude Dunnaway of Versailles, nephew of Lige Dunnaway, accepted the building contract and his crew of three, and hundreds of hours of volunteer labor by the church members and friends erected the new structure in the summer of 1974. Rev. Joe Comer came in June 1974 and while the structure was being built, church services were held in the 106 year old St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Rt. 0 — east of Laurie, also at the nearby Sunrise Baptist Church. The day of Consecration was October 27, 1974. One year later Oct. 26, 1975 dedication services were held, leaving the church structure free of debt. Rev. Fred Royer came to the Ozard Chapel in June 1978 and is ministering a membership of 320 with an average of 200 every Sunday.

History continues to be made as members and friends worship God in the Ozark Hills where each and everyone is somebody and the Lord is continually praised for his wondrous works. All who had anything to do with the past history of Ozark Chapel is proud and possibly the proudest of all are the six remaining charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hibdon, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moore, Anna Silvey and John Purvis.

The bell tower at the church, made of native stone, was given by the young people of the church in about 1965.

# Presbyterian Church

The old Westminster Presbyterian Church in Versailles



New Westminster Presbyterian Church

The following notes appeared from the minutes on record of the First Baptist Church, dated June 13th, 1891. "On motion the church agreed to let the Presbyterians have the use of the Church House, in which to conduct a meeting."

On July 9, 1891 a group of Presbyterians met in the Baptist Church and organized the First Presbyterian Church of Versailles. Mrs. J.A. Petty played the organ, and continued to play the organ for the church for fifty years. A church building was completed and dedicated in the early part of 1892. The first charter members of the church were Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Crewson, Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Fairley, Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Price, Quilliam Davidson, Miss Harriet Davidson, Miss Carrie Smith, Mrs. Sarah A. Smith, Mrs. Grace T. Mills, Mrs. Laura Wray, Mrs. B.V. Dunn, Mrs. J.D. Hubbard, Mrs. Ida May Ducy, and Mrs. T.J. Pullium.

The church was reorganized in 1902. From a Presbytery meeting at Holden, Mo., Rev. J.B. Hill and J.E. Stevenson were sent to Versailles to reorganize the Church.

Twenty-two persons were members: Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Crewson, Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Kirk, Mrs. Dr. Hubbard, Mrs. Dr. Wells, Mrs. Pullium, Mrs. M.D. Osborn, Mrs. Anna Knoop, Mrs. Harriett Bailey, Miss Harriett Davidson, William Davidson, Mrs. Maude Lumpee, A.F. Davidson, H.F. Tillman, and S.P. Bailey. Rev. Stevenson was pastor. By vote, the new church was called "Westminster Church of Versailles."

In the early days there was The Ladies Aid, then later the Missionary Society, which came to be the Associational from which has developed two circles. The evening circle was given the name of Edwarda, in honor of a former Presbyterian Missionary, the late Miss Edwarda Clingan, who with her sister Mary, served as missionaries in South Missouri near Gladstone. The afternoon circle is called the Polly Ann, named for Polly McMillian, the wife of former pastor, Pyron McMillian. They served as missionaries after leaving Versailles. These circles were started in 1949.

The frame building was razed in the summer of 1954. The present brick structure was completed and dedicated in March 1955. The bell from the old church was placed in the new church. The educational building was added to the church in 1962. First floor consisted of Sunday School rooms, rest room facilities, and a large multipurpose room. On the second floor, there are more Sunday school rooms, conference room, pastor's study, choir room and office. The present manse was constructed in 1947.

The meditation moment was installed in 1962 under the guidance of Pastor Richard V. Beesley, minister at the time. It has continued daily throughout the years. The white Christmas programs were given for years. Over the years, the Presbyterian Church has packed hundreds of pounds of clothing for church world service.

Gifts of the month program was adopted by the women's association, instigated by Mrs. J.A. Petty. The gifts become Christmas boxes of at least 300 gifts, sent to some Presbyterian Mission station, each year. Also a thank offering and a medical program has been carried on each year by the women of the church.

# Versailles United Methodist Church

United Methodist Church, Versailles, Mo.

The Methodist Church was the first of any denomination in Versailles. It was organized in 1836 and services were held in the circuit court room of the courthouse. Rev. Abram Millice, Morgan County's first circuit rider, was first pastor. In 1842 the Methodists built their first church on North Fisher street, three blocks north of the square, in Thruston and Wyan's addition to the city of Versailles. Littlebury E. Williamson and Rebecca E., his wife, conveyed lot 2 of block 6 by quit claim deed on April 17, 1873, to trustees Samuel H. Woods, Weightstill A. Parkes, Wm. R. Litsinger, John M. Thruston and Peter G. Woods. Rev. J.B. Woolridge was first pastor of the new church.

In 1844 the Methodist Episcopal Church was split due to the slavery question and was divided into the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Rev. Litsinger became pastor in 1858.

In 1859 lot 1 of block 6 Wyan and Thruston addition, was conveyed by Wm. and Sarah Pennebaker to John B. Thruston, Samuel H. Woods, Wm. P. Cooksey, Jackson and Thomas Monroe as agents and trustees for the Methodist Church South, to be used for a parsonage.

On Oct. 28, 1907 the cornerstone for a large brick church (the one still in use in 1979) was laid by Rev. Charles C. Woods, assistant editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, assisted by Judge John M. Salmon and Mrs. Samuel (Elizabeth) Martin, oldest members of the church.

The bid of Mr. Hamlin for the construction of the building was accepted by trustees C.H. Mason, C.E. Willson and W.L. Stephens.

In 1950 a parsonage on Williamson street one block north of the church was purchased for $10,000. The old parsonage south of the church was used as a Sunday school building until 1961 when it was torn down and the present brick education building was constructed to the south of the church. In 1963 the parsonage was sold and a new brick parsonage was built at 600 N. Richardson street. The Rev. and Mrs. Elston Hines were the first to live in the new parsonage. The present pastor of the church is the Rev. George Scott.

Pastors for the past 50 years have been: Dr. Z.M. Williams, W.S. Butts, J.D. Prater, J.E. McDonald, Val B. Strader, L.H. Westphal, Lyman Firestone, Gordon Merritt, Ed Watkins, O.L. Thompson, Raymond Rumbo, Elston Hines, and Frank H. Ebright.

# Beta Sigma Phi

The Greek letters Beta Sigma Phi stand for Life, Learning and Friendship. Beta Sigma Phi is an international organization for friendship, development of cultural appreciation and community service. It helps women lead fuller, richer mor useful lives and discover the beauty within themselves.

It helps the married woman keep perspective of her life and maintain the fine balance between wife, mother and woman — to develop each of these three images so that no one image becomes overworked, overdeveloped or taken for granted.

Almost 12,000 Chapters in 31 countries meet twice a month for a brief business meeting and cultural program. Founded with seven members in Abilene, Kansas in 1931, the organization now has 250,000 members.

The Missouri Omicron Sigma Chapter of Versailles was founded September 12, 1974 with 10 members. It has since progressed into two Chapters — the original having 10 members and the new Exemplar Xi Theta Mu having 12 members. They have served this community through donations to community projects, sponsoring of Girls State, presentation of the Miss Morgan County Pageant and other projects.

Omicron Sigma Chap. No. 9385
Versailles, Mo.

Missouri Xi Theta Mu X5383
Versailles, Mo.

# Barnett Lodge No. 591 A.F. & A.M.

Barnett Lodge No. 591 A.F. & A.M. was chartered at Barnett, Mo. on Sept. 26, 1907 by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Missouri.

The first Charter officers were Wm. G. Tipton, W.M.; Clayton W. Bruce, S.W.; Dudley G. Berry, J.W. Other officers are not known.

Barnett Lodge is an active lodge operating under the original charter. Present membership is 38, of which 12 or more are past masters.

Barnett has had some very strong leadership in the past 25 years, which is the reason for their survival when a lot of small towns have died out.

District officers from Barnett Lodge No. 591 are:

D.D.G.M. 58 District

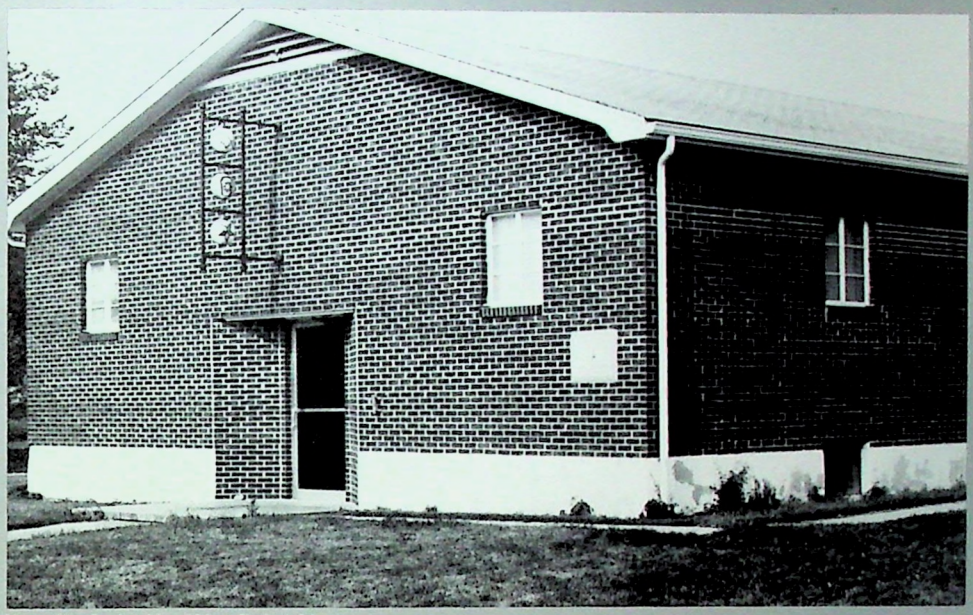
Roscoe White
J.D. McDonald
George Berkstresser, Jr.

D.D.G.L. 58 District

J.D. McDonald

The lodge meets on the third Monday of each month at the lodge hall in Barnett.

# Free Masonry in Morgan County



Versailles Lodge No. 320 A.F. & A.M.

Versailles Lodge No. 117 A.F. & A.M. was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri on May 10, 1850. Euclid Lodge No. 421 A.F. & A.M. was chartered by the Grand Lodge at Versailles, Oct. 12, 1872. Euclid Lodge consolidated with Versailles Lodge No. 117 in 1886. Prior to 1917 dissension arose among the craft and on Sept. 19, 1917, a new lodge was formed and chartered by the Grand Lodge under the name of Morgan Lodge No. 320 A.F. & A.M.

The two lodges operated in Versailles until 1923 when the differences between them was resolved and they were consolidated under the name of Versailles Lodge No. 320 A.F. & A.M.

In 1962 Versailles Lodge 320 bought two lots in Edgedale Addition to the City of Versailles from the Dr. W.G. Gunn estate and Bro. Ira Wilson donated three other lots on which was built a new brick veneer building with full basement, at 308 N. Walnut Street. The temple was dedicated in Sept. 1963 by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Total cost of the building, $18,500 was paid in 1972 when the pledges came in.

Officers of Lodge No. 320 A.F. & A.M. are: W.M., William Arnold; S.W., V.L. Whittle; J.W., Carl Wood; Treas., Bill Schwebel; Sec'y., Robert L. Piper; Marshal, Lewis P. Howe; Chaplain, Arthur Schlueter; S.D., Kenneth Donnington; J.D., Billy Hardesty; S.S., Eugene Denman; J.S., Steven. Broyles; Tyler, Erwin T. Moon; Trustees: Claude W. Dunnaway, Lewis P. Howe and Raymond Garber. There are 169 members at this date, the largest membership in its history.

On Oct. 18, 1900 a charter was granted to Glensted Lodge No. 250 A.F. & A.M. at Glensted in 1943. Interest dwindled and with not enough members to operate, they surrendered their charter and consolidated with Versailles Lodge No. 320. About 30 members were in the Glensted Lodge at that time.

Bro. Claude Dunnaway served as D.D.G.L. of the 58th District, of which Versailles Lodge No. 320 is a part, from 1953-1970 and D.D.G.M. from 1970-1975. Versailles Lodge has 13 living 50-year members.

Versailles Chapter No. 72 Royal Arch Masons was chartered in Oct. 1871 by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry of Missouri.

Officers of this chapter are: H.P., Claude Dunnaway; King, Gene Bartram; Scribe, Lewis P. Howe; C.H., J.D. McDonald; R.A.C., Claude W. Davis; P.S., G.I. Rector; M.I.V., Willard Huddleston; M2V, V.L. Whittle; M.I.V.,. Jim Milstead; Sec'y.-Treasurer, Dale Foxworthy.

(Claude W. Dunnaway, Lewis P. Howe, Robert L. Piper, committee on history of Freemasonry in Morgan County.)

# Kiwanis Club of Versailles

Present officers: Marvin Welpman, president; Jim M. Dornan, 1st vice president; Joe Jolly, 2nd vice president; Roger Meyer, secretary.

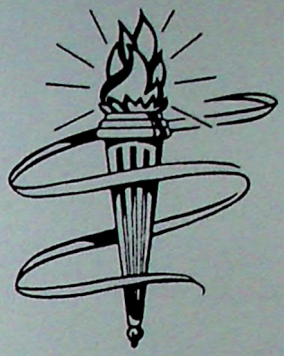
The Kiwanis club was chartered in Versailles July, 1947. Charter members were Paul Barnes, Hugh A. Meyer, Rev. W.L. Bright, Roger Meyer, T.A. Courtney, Jack Dunkin, Claude Nichols, Dr. P.F. Eckhoff, Arthur Norman, Richard Fenimore, Leonard Robinson, Kenneth Greene, Hunter Jolly, Otho Washburn, Joe Wood, Rev. Val B. Strader, J.L. Walton, E.W. Guenther, Garver Searcy, Mitchell Dornan, Mike Slyman, Charles Smoyer, Talmadge Henderson, Robert Stockton, Bill King, Virgil Lujin, Sidney Hodges, Irwin Laughlin, and R.V. Williams. Officers were Roger Meyer, president; Arthur Norman, vice president; Leonard R. Robinson, secretary-treasurer.

Club meetings, were first held in the City Hotel Cafe, then in Vince Staudenraus Cafe on West Newton St., later at the Eatmore Cafe and finally in the Women's Civic Club Hall, where meals were catered by the late Lacey and Ruth Ware. Present caterers are Mrs. Norman Combs and Mrs. Mary Lee.

The club has a history of service to the community and the youth. Several members have gone on to hold important offices in Kiwanis International at the District and International levels.

The club holds a high record of achievement with Kiwanis International and has been honored for Community and Youth Services on numerous occasions.

# Versailles Lions Club



## CHARTER MEMBERS

*John E. Yoest
*M.S. Otten
Hugh Hart
*J. Harold Knoop
Gene N. Bartram
*Edgar Carpenter
J. Loren Washburn
*James S. Carpenter
*Roy Robinson
*William Otten
*Leonard Fain
*Roy E. Otten
Alvin H. Bauer
Moss McDonald
Carl V. West
*Warren Bond
*Arlen Deppler
*Harry Clark
*John M. Williams

(*denotes deceased. _____still in club)

## PAST PRESIDENTS

*John Yoest, 1937-1938. *John Williams, 1939. *Roy E. Otten, 1940. *J. Harold Knoop, 1941. D.K. Hunter, 1942. J. Loren Washburn, 1943. Alvin Bauer, 1944. *Harry Clark, 1945. *Dr. M.S. Otten, 1946. *Leonard Fain, 1947. Gene Bartram, 1948. Hugh Hart, 1949. *Edgar Carpenter, 1950. *Reed Moore, 1951. John. Nelson, 1952. Dave White, 1953. Kenneth Ratcliff, 1954. Clarence Cable, 1955. Lee Warrington, 1956. J.C. Garrison, 1957. Darrell Goodman, 1958. I.A. Wenger, 1959. Roland Dennis, 1960. William Caine, 1961. Alvin Bauer, 1962. John Nelson, 1963. Carl A. Guenther, 1964. I.A. Wenger, 1965. Jim Hunter, 1966, Wm. R. Hunter, 1967. Angelo Branco, 1968. Dave Yarger, 1969. Bill Bauer, 1970. Harvey Williams, 1971. L.K. Cable, 1972. Dan Daulton, 1973. Milo Homan, 1974. Leon Taylor, 1975. Kenneth Pepper, 1976. Gary Garber, 1977. Larry Henderson, 1978.

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## OFFICERS 1979-80

President ..... Jack Sly
1st Vice President ..... Mike McDorman
2nd Vice President ..... John Buck
3rd Vice President ..... Kenneth McCutcheon
Secretary ..... Bill Miller
Treasurer ..... Verne Pifer
Tail Twister ..... Bill Jones
Lion Tamer ..... Harvey Williams

## DIRECTORS

Larry Henderson, Jay Garrison, Bud Lee

## HISTORY OF THE CLUB

The Versailles Lions Club was organized and chartered Oct. 1937 with 19 members, who were among the business and professional leaders of Versailles. Under the leadership of John Yoest, the club became the leading organization of Versailles.

The club luncheons were first held at the Clark Cafe in the City Hotel building on the south side of the square.

The Lions re-introduced the Morgan County fairs to the community and for several years, the annual fair was held around the courthouse square. On Nov. 8, 1941 the club purchased 43 acres of ground at the western edge of Versailles on Highway 52 and built the present fairgrounds.

Other activities sponsored by the Versailles Lions Club in the past years include: financed and constructed fairgrounds with barns, buildings and grandstand; equipped ball park with electric lighting; assisted city of Versailles in establishing city park; sponsored many mobile eye clinics; contributes annually to Lions Eye Foundation, University of Mo., Columbia; purchased many pairs of glasses for indigents of the county; contributes each summer to Boys' State Program; assisted many years with Boy Scout work in the community; sponsors Little League summer baseball program and made available lighted ball park for it; made available prime land for a new 120-bed district nursing home and senior citizens housing in Versailles.

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# Missouri Business and Professional Women's Club of Gravois Mills

Chartered February 12, 1952 TWENTY-FIVE CHARTER MEMBERS — Mother Club — Sedalia

Past Presidents

Gladys Johnson
Jean Marker
Janet Fleishman
*Melba Christ
Genevieve Bell
**Erma Hodges
Marguerite Gartiser
Bertha Mae Scrivner
Ruby Miller
Helen Butts
Shirley Hunter
Ruby Anderson
Helen Jackson
**Alberta Stevenson
Thelma Gollihar
Matt Miller
Jan Guenther
Connie Dobbins
Opal Gowing
Joan Slagle
Nora White
Dottie Barron
Elizabeth Stevens
Illa DeVoe

*Charter Member still active

**Past District Directors

## CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Placed the first milk vending machine in the Versailles High School.
2. Donated silverware to the Gravois Mills Methodist Church.
3. Donated the first record player to Gravois Mills School System.
4. Contributed funds to light the Gravois Mills ball diamond.
5. Organized successful campaign to establish the Morgan County Health Center and donated a complete kitchen unit for it.
6. Furnished lawn chairs for the Kidwell Rest Home.
7. Donated a fountain and benches for the Good Shepherd Nursing Home.
8. Contributed funds for Christmas Lights used around the square in Versailles and to the Nativity Scene used on the courthouse lawn.
9. Furnish a scholarship to a Senior in Versailles High School each year.
10. At present time sponsoring Vial of Life Kit offered to senior citizens.

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| 1979 President | Ruth Barnes |
| 1970 Publicity Chairman | Virginia Nelson |

# Providence School

The land for Providence School District No. 39 was purchased June 21, 1892 from William Callison Jr. and wife Roda J. Callison farm, which is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lehman. The school was built by Will Holsopple and Will Aeschbacher before the fall term opened in 1894.

## LIST OF TEACHERS

| SCHOOL YEAR | | TEACHER | NO. OF MONTHS | SALARY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1894-95 | | Minnie Hays | 6 | $35.00 |
| 1895-96 | | Annie Callison | 6 | $30.00 |
| 1896-98 | 2 terms | J.S. Boyce | 6 | $35.50 |
| 1898-00 | 2 terms | Kate Temme | 6 | $27.50 |
| 1900-01 | | Nannie J. Merriott | 6 | $30.00 |
| 1901-02 | | Kate Temme | 5 | $30.00 |
| 1901-02 | | Cora McCollister | 2 | $25.00 |
| 1902-03 | | Cora McCollister | 6 | $30.00 |
| 1903-04 | | J.E. Aeschbacher | 6 | $37.50 |
| 1904-06 | 2 terms | Mary Kauffman | 6 | $32.50 |
| 1906-08 | 2 terms | Thruston Hawks | 6 | $38.50 |
| 1908-09 | | Lina J. Driver | 5 | $37.50 |
| 1908-09 | | Bertha M. Garber | 2 | $25.00 |
| 1909-10 | | Hattie Garvey | 6 | $40.00 |
| 1910-11 | | Thurston Hawks | 5 | $55.00 |
| 1911-12 | | Dixie Phillips | 6 | $50.00 |
| 1912-13 | | C.D. Tombkins | 5 | $50.00 |
| 1912-13 | | Blanche Richardson | 2 | $30.00 |
| 1913-14 | | Marguerite Schaffter | 6 | $45.00 |
| 1914-15 | | Bertha Taylor | 8 | $42.50 |
| 1915-16 | | Della E. Lehman | 7 | $45.00 |
| 1916-18 | 2 terms | Cora Dell Sims | 7 | $52.50 |
| 1918-19 | | Bertha Taylor | 7 | $50.00 |
| 1919-20 | | Lillian Campbell | 7 | $60.00 |
| 1920-21 | | Clara Brown | 8 | $65.00 |
| 1921-22 | | Rosina Curtis | 8 | $85.00 |
| 1922-23 | | Irene Sims | 8 | $85.00 |
| 1923-25 | 2 terms | Russell Silvey | 8 | $82.50 |
| 1925-26 | | Elsie Stockton | 8 | $85.00 |
| 1926-30 | 4 terms | Harriette Stockton | 8 | $100.00 |
| 1930-32 | 2 terms | Fannie Gunn | 8 | $90.00 |
| 1932-35 | 3 terms | La Vera Lehman | 8 | $58.50 |
| 1935-37 | 2 terms | Mrs. Milton Garber | 8 | $52.50 |
| 1937-38 | | Elouise Starkey | 8 | $70.00 |
| 1938-42 | 4 terms | Lubertha Fethke | 8 | $73.00 |
| 1942-43 | | Lois Asechbacher | 8 | $85.00 |
| 1943-44 | | La Vera Lehman | 8 | $80.00 |
| 1944-46 | 2 terms | Malverna Senior | 8 | $100.00 |
| 1946-53 | 7 terms | Agnes Jenkins | 8 | $197.00 |

Providence School, 1921

Special features of school year were: ciphering matches, spelling bees, geography contests after the last recess on Friday, Christmas programs, basket dinners and programs by pupils on last day of school.

One pupil, L.U. Aeschbacher, who started the first year 1894-95 is still living.

The school building now serves as a community center, with bi-monthly meetings.

# Order of the Eastern Star Chapt. 410

In March, 1918 the Grand Chapter of Missouri, which was founded in 1875, issued to twenty-five persons a dispensation to form a new chapter to be called Versailles Chapter 410, Order of the Eastern Star. In December that year the charter was granted to the group, signed by Worthy Grand Matron Mary W. Wilcox, Isis Chapter 208 and Worthy Grand Patron T.W. Cotton, Van Buren Chapter 118.

Charter members were Laura Abell, Lottie Antweiler, Sallie Baker, Maude Barham, Rose Bolton, Ida Bowline, Reva Bremer, George Brown, Ollie Brown, Lula Buell, Nora Cox, Bertha Dromgold, Mary Etling, Ross Hardy, Lena Hulett, Elsie Parks, Nina Sparks, Bertie Stigall, Dora Stockton, Laura Thorpe, Maude Todd, Nora Witten, Sally Witten, Ella Well and Hattie Young.

In 1979 there are 143 members. Officers are: Marian Weeks, Worthy Matron; Lewis P. Howe, Worthy Patron; Ruth Whittle, Associate Matron; Vernon Whittle, Associate Patron; Marguerite Conlin, secretary; Susanna Garber, treasurer; Mildred Ball, Conductress; Zetta Belle Milstead, Marshal; Thelma. Megert, Organist; Betty Alexander, Chaplain; Mary Young Brown, Adah; Betty Dunnaway, Ruth; Dimple Mattson, Esther; Ap Dwyer, Martha; Evelyn Arnold, Electa; Jewell Warren, Warder; James Milstead, Sentinel. Lorene Hofheins of Sedalia is Worthy Grand Matron of Missouri and Lee Roy Browning of Independence is Worthy Grand Patron.

The teachings of the order are religious and moral and its purposes are social and charitable. The Versailles Chapter has chosen for its charity projects this year: Research and treatment of heart disease; research, detection and treatment of cancer; support for the Masonic Home for the orphaned and aged; assist young persons training for leadership in Christian service, and the Eastern Star International Temple in Washington, D.C.

# The Women's Civic Club

The Women's Civic Club, organized in 1921, is the oldest women's club in Morgan County. At the first meeting on Feb. 23 that year officers elected were: Mrs. Mary Lawrence, president; Mrs. W.H. Hargrove,. 1st vice president; Mrs. J.S. Petty, 2nd vice president; Mrs. W.A. Buell, secretary; Mrs. Lum Barber, treasurer. There were 95 members the first year and dues were $2.00.

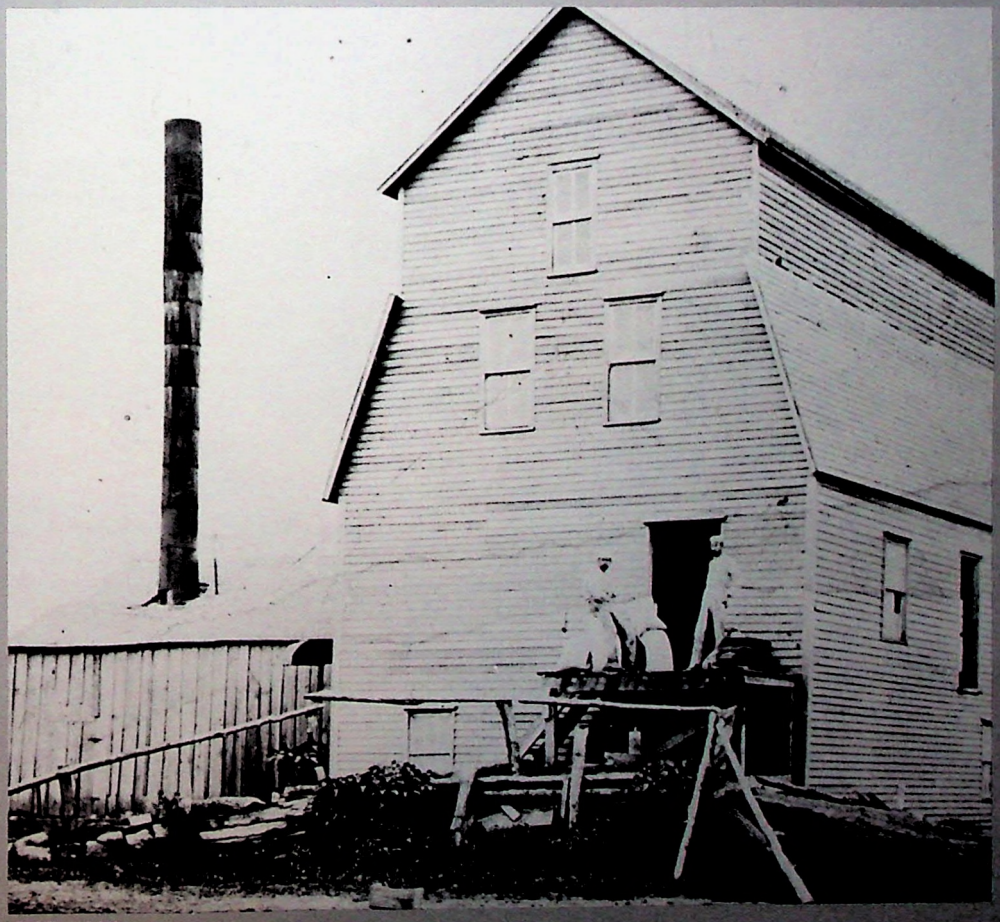
The Women's Club was first organized as an auxiliary to the men's Community Club, later known as the Chamber of Commerce. The first meetings were held in the courthouse basement where the club kept a library for several years.

The club maintained and rented the second floor of the City Hall in Versailles for several years, re-equipping it after the Hall was destroyed by fire in 1960.

Present officers of the club are Mrs. Harold Elley, president; Mrs. Met Hughes, 1st vice president; Mrs. Hazel Cox, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Bartram, secretary; Mrs. Orlyn White, treasurer; Mrs. Jess Nobles, hall rental; Mrs. Margaret Hines, chaplain.

The club promotes city beautification and sponsors the annual mother and daughter each spring. For many years the club held annual Halloween teas in the hall each fall and spring teas in March. The club sponsors the Girl Scouts.

# BUSINESS HISTORIES



Gehlken Mill

# THE BANK OF

The Bank of Versailles opened its door for banking business on November 21, 1882 and Was chartered by the State of Missouri on December 20, 1882. The first president was the late Dr. P.G. Wood and first cashier was the late Will L. Stephens. The first directors included the president and cashier and R.G.. Roache, Wm. T. Jackson, Elwyn Price and W.A. Parkes. Capital stock of The Bank of Versailles on opening day was $5,000 and the first day's deposits was $5,626.53. Total assets after the first day of business were $10,627.18.

In 1891 the Bank's capital was increased to $30,000 and some additional stock sold. Some of the new stockholders were P.H. Kidwell, Abe Wenger, August Zwanzig, B.R. Richardson, B.G. Bowlen, P.E. Davis, D.C. Dale, R.E. Dornan, Mike Schubert, D.P. Taylor, D.B. Ivy, J.T. Washburn, C.H. Knoop, T.L. Callison and M.F. Jones.

Six men have served The Bank of Versailles as president: Dr. P.G. Wood from 1882 to 1899; A.L. Ross from 1899 to 1924; W.K. Hunter, who had been vice-president since 1900, became president early in 1924, after the death of A.L. Ross, and served until August, 1924; W.W. Moore served as the bank president from August, 1924, to June, 1926 when W.K. Hunter was re-elected as president; W.K. Hunter served till his death in February, 1937; D.K. Hunter who had been with the bank since May, 1917, was elected president in February, 1937 and held the office till his retirement in January, 1972; in January, 1972, W.R. Hunter was elected president and continues to serve that office.

Will L. Stephens was the first cashier and served till 1892 when M.F. Jones became cashier. M.F. Jones served till his death in 1894. Mr. Stephens returned to the bank upon Mr. Jones' death and served till late in 1923. In 1924, E.W. Guenther became cashier. Mr. Guenther had been with the bank since November 13, 1913. When E.W. Guenther retired in March, 1963, Dorthea Mae Wood was elected cashier. She had started at the bank in December, 1942 and continued to serve as vice-president and cashier.

Others who have served the bank as directors are: James McNair, Bennet Ivy, G.B. Frish, Richard H. Woods, Porter E. Davis, P.H. DeVinna, David C. Dale, S.P. James, J.T. Washburn, G.G. Guenther, A.J. Vogt, John F. Gerber, Wm. A. Washburn, S.B. Talbott, S.N. Newton and George C. Vogt.

On December 21, 1958, the bank's seventy-fifth year, a celebration was held at the Morgan County High School. Entertainment was furnished by stars of the Ozark Jubilee. A diamond was given away as the door prize. The bank was also extensively remodeled in 1958 with the teller's cages being moved from the west side of the bank to the east side and two more teller cages added. The ceilings were lowered and loan officers' quarters were installed on the west side of the bank. The bookkeeping department was moved to the building to the north. A new vault was built for additional fire proof space.

The main bank building of The Bank of Versailles which has been at its present location since opening day, Nov. 21, 1882.

The Motor Bank of Versailles was opened in July 1970.

# VERSAILLES

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The bank's 85th anniversary was observed on December 19, 1967 with open house.

The Motor Bank of Versailles was opened in July, 1970 with one walk in window and one drive thru facility. The Facility incorporated a large courtesy room for the use of the community.

In the summer of 1974, the bank purchased the Jewelry Store building west of the main bank. This building was owned by George and Gussie Clodfelter. A large opening was made between the lobby of the main bank and the new addition. This space was converted into the loan department.

In March, 1977, the Laurie facility was opened with full banking services. Three teller windows and one drive thru window were installed; safe deposit boxes were provided and a loan officer.

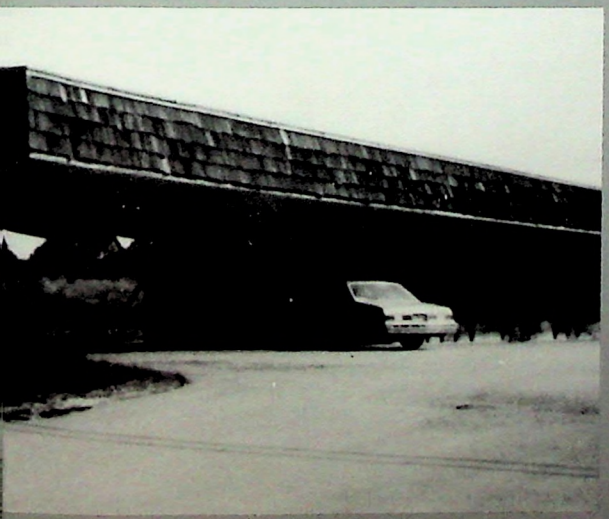
The assets of The Bank of Versailles were $22,029,000 as of December 31, 1978.

The present officers are: W.R. Hunter, president, who came to the Bank in August, 1953; Sam M. Guenther, executive vice-president, who began March 1, 1955; Paul Zelsman, vice-president, who was employed March 1, 1977; Dorthea Mae Wood, vice-president and cashier, who began December, 1942; Dorthy M. Ball, vice-president of operations, who began work in March of 1958; Diann Hoefener, assistant vice-president, who started in July, 1963; David Baumgartner, assistant vice-president, who began in June, 1973; and Robert G. Robinson, assistant cashier, who was employed in October, 1970. Lorene Hughes worked at the bank from the fall of 1925 thru 1928. During the early days of the Depression, Mrs. Hughes worked at the First National Bank in Versailles and worked till 1931. The First National Bank was later forced to close. Lorene returned to The Bank of Versailles in October, 1955 and worked till her retirement in March, 1974 and was assistant cashier at the time of her retirement.

Employees are Sue Morrison, Becky Roam, Angela Zook, Marian Avey, Betty Avey, Joyce Bauer, Emma Vogt, Teri Nations, P.R. Pedigo, Rhonda Vogt, Barbara Bauer, Pam Porter, Sue Stubblefield, and Sharon Coffman.

Directors are D.K. Hunter, E.W. Guenther, W.R. Hunter, Sam M. Guenther, Joseph D. Cacioppo, Wm. A. Caine, Roy C. Gerber, W. Clark Marker, Dr. J.L. Washburn, and Thomas G. Woolsey. Royce Moser is director emeritus.

On November 21, 1982, The Bank of Versailles will have completed 100 years of service to the people of Versailles and Morgan County and looks forward to its second 100 years.



The Laurie Facility was opened in March, 1977.

# The Beauty Box

W.W. Williams and wife, Dorothy

The Caine building was constructed in 1934 to house the Versailles Furniture Co., two apartments upstairs, and the Beauty Box beauty shop.

The first owner operator of the Beauty Box was Margaret Kimsey. The second owner was Edna Lee Bridges Handley who later sold to Lilly Mae Hunter Robinson.

March 1, 1948, Wm. W. Williams bought the Beauty Box from Lilly Mae Hunter. He had attended Moler Beauty College in St. Louis, Mo. He had worked a year for his Uncle and Aunt Doris and Gladys Kays in their beauty shop before moving to Versailles.

Dorothy Williams apprenticed in the shop and received her operator license in September 1963. She and Bill have owned and operated the Beauty Box in the same location since March 1, 1948.

Some of the operators that have worked with Bill and Dorothy are Lilly Mae Hunter, Lois Nelson, Martha Means, Ruth Gerber, Ann Klein, Marlene Royal, Byronita Lutman, and Bonnie Cooper.

The prices in 1948 were: Haircuts .75, Shampoo and Sets 1.25, Permanent Waves 5.50. The most popular permanent wave was the croquinole machine wave. The second was the machineless wave and third the cold wave.

In the thirty years Bill has been an operator, he has given Spiral, Machine, Machineless, and Cold wave permanents. He has used Marcel Irons, Paper, Curl Irons, Crimping Irons. He has done Water Waves, Finger-Waves, and all the conventional methods of curling hair. When he started the Beauty Trade, Rollers were not used, only pincurls, waves, and sometimes "Pro-curlers" that were the forerunners of present day rollers. There have been many changes in the beauty business, but the styles go in cycles and what goes out will return in a number of years.

# Flavel J. Butts

Missouri House of Representatives

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Flavel J. Butts was born at Sagrada, Mo. near Climax Springs April 12, 1922. He attended Climax Springs Grade School and graduated from Climax Springs High School, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler Schools in Detroit, Mich. and Moler Barber College in Kansas City.

He spent his entire life in Camden county area except for four years in the army in World War II. He spent three years in the Pacific and was in most of the major battles.

On Oct. 14, 1943 he married his high school sweetheart, Eileen Tucker Russell, in Detroit. They have one son, Joe Butts, whose wife is Ellen Blair Butts and whose children are Brian and Christopher.

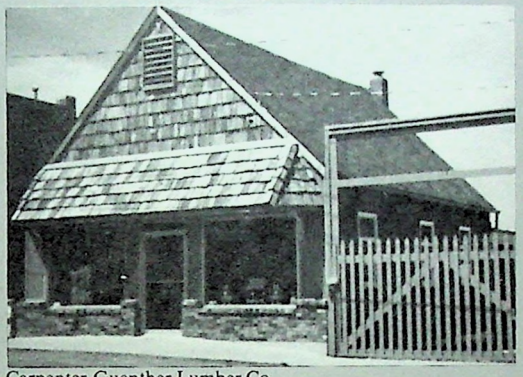
Flavel is a deacon in the First Baptist Church in Camdenton, past president of the Candenton Chamber of Commerce and Camdenton Country Club, a Mason, Shriner and member of the Elks Lodge of Osage Beach, the American Legion and the D.A.V. of America.

He has always been active in community affairs, clubs and projects and had a deep interest in his country and politics. He was elected State Representative of Missouri in 1972 and re-elected in 1974, 1976 and 1978.

He has taken pleasure in serving the people of the 132nd District of Camden, Morgan and part Pulaski counties. He has helped them with a great many problems and with roads, taxes, agriculture and other. One of his main projects was to make the state aware of the rural roads and the burden on the county courts. He felt that this had been accomplished to a great degree when the speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate incorporated his tax formula with their bills and came out with a bill for all roads for the state of Missouri.

His philosophy for a good life is to serve God, Country and his fellowman. And he has had the distinct pleasure of doing all three for which he is thankful.

# Carpenter-Guenther Lumber Co.



Carpenter-Guenther Lumber Co.

In 1944 Elmer W. Guenther and his brother, Reed, Guenther, bought the P.H. Antweiler Lumber Co. from the estate of Phil H. Antweiler, located on North Monroe Street in Versailles.

After a short time Reed sold his interest to Elmer and, later, Elmer sold Reed's interest to Edgar Carpenter, who was at that time circuit clerk and recorder for Morgan County. The business then became the Carpenter-Guenther Lumber Co.

Elmer Guenther was in the Bank of Versailles so Arthur (Bish) Eickhoff was hired by Carpenter-Guenther as manager of the business.

Edgar Carpenter assumed the management of the business in 1947. There were three employees and only one truck at that time. The merchandise came by the Rock Island Railroad and was unloaded manually.

Virgil Lujin, son-in-law of Elmer Guenther, returned from military duty in the U.S. Navy in May, 1946 and began working at the lumber yard Aug. 26, 1946.

In 1958 he bought part of the Guenther stock and Jan. 1, 1967 Virgil Lujin and wife, Vallie Louise, and sons, Richard and Ronald Lujin became the principal owners of the business.

The place has been enlarged and improved many times during the years and now operates four trucks, two fork lifts and has nine employees. The merchandise now comes mostly by transport truck, except that from the west coast, which comes by Rock Island.

# Chevrolet Business

Started in 1926 by D.K. Hunter

The first Chevrolet agency in Versailles was established in January, 1926, by Don K. Hunter, and operated in the Heineman garage building. In May, 1926, P.J. McDonough bought a half interest in the business and formed the partnership of Hunter-McDonough Company.

The last of July, 1926, Don K. Hunter, went back into The Bank of Versailles where he had worked for a few years up to July, 1924. Upon his return to the bank, he retained his interest in the Hunter-McDonough Motor Company, keeping the books and managing the business details of the establishment, while Mr. McDonough took over the selling. They operated as a partnership in this manner until December, 1929, when the business was incorporated with P.J. McDonough, President, and Don K. Hunter, as Secretary-Treasurer.

By this time the business had grown so much that Mr. McDonough and Mr. Hunter could not take care of it, so they hired their first salesman and bookkeeper-partsman. The first salesman hired was Cecil Hunter, and the first bookkeeper and partsman was John James Spurlock. Other salesmen who have sold for the company in the past years are Arch Kidwell, Dorsey Meyer, Elwood Barbour, and John Yoest. Other bookkeepers have been Mrs. Lois Herfurth, L.M. (Cotton) Earnest, Mrs. Dulcie Burk, and Paul Zelsman, Jr.

The business got too big for the Heineman Garage building so it was expanded into the building next door, now occupied by the Morgan County Gas Co., and for several years occupied both buildings.

Dave White started with Hunter-McDonough as salesman in October, 1939; Joe Wood as a mechanic-body man in 1939; Roy Shore as a mechanic in 1940. When the war clouds of the second world war were gathering, auto production was halted temporarily so the company took on the sale of John Deere Farm machinery. Joe Wood, Roy Shore, Dave White all left to serve our country in World War II. As the war had cut the business it was necessary to move to smaller quarters so the concrete garage building on North Fisher Street was purchased and the business moved into it. Mitch Dornan joined the firm in 1944 as service manager.

Hunter-McDonough built their present building on North Fisher Street in 1946 and moved into it, keeping the concrete garage building for storage, which was razed to make way for the present used car lot.

James Lake started in the parts department in January, 1950, but left to serve in the Army. He came back from the service and has been employed ever since in the service department. Jim Hunter, who had completed his service in the Navy, and had finished his college education, was added to the staff in February, 1952. Harold Mortenson joined the firm as machinery salesman in the fall of 1952, and is presently the bookkeeper.

When the Lake of Ozarks was formed, we took the Johnson Motor Co. Agency and sold the first boats and motors that went on the Lake. We have also sold Frigidaire refrigerators, Delco light plants, and cream separators.

Through the 53 years the business has operated we have had employees too numerous to mention, but some of them have been with us for many years.

Mr. McDonough died in February, 1968. The name of the business was changed in May, 1971 to Hunter-Dornan Motor Company, and Jim Dornan joined the firm in April, 1973.

Hunter-Dornan Motor Co., through the years, has been one of the better sales and service organizations selling cars in Central Missouri.

The present owners are Don K. Hunter, Jim Hunter, Mitch Dornan, and Jim Dornan. Dave White has a working financial interest in the business.

# Clark's Retreading & Service, Inc.

Jack Clark, who operates Clark's Retreading & Service on Jasper and Krekel streets in Versailles, went into the Mobilgas business in 1947 in a station at the southwest corner of the square. He moved from there to his present location Feb. 1, 1949. He went into the retreading business in 1951 with two molds, 600 x 16 and 600 x 15. At that time there were two sizes of tires. The business was located for a while on West Jasper street, one block west of the square, where a motor grader mold and additional equipment were installed. At one time Clark's took care of 70 percent of the State of Missouri Highway tires. For several years they have been Producing tires for mass merchandiser Western Auto, Otasco and others, who buy trailer load quantities.

The building on Jasper and Krekel stands on the former site of the Versailles Feed and Produce owned by the late Claude and Jack Nichols. Another plant is now located in the Industrial area of Versailles, which, together with two plants at Jefferson City produce about 500 tires.

Associated in the family-type business are Jack Clark, president, his son, William Clark, vice president and his son-in-law, Patrick Slevin, manager of the operation in Jefferson City. Mrs. Clark is bookkeeper of the Versailles operations.

# Coral Lanes Bowling Alley

Mobile Mart

The Coral Lanes Bowling Alley and snack bar was established in Versailles in August, 1964, owned and operated by Max and Lois Caldwell. In April, 1967 it was bought by Ray and Liz Bradley, who, later, added a lounge and recreation room. Many people from Versailles and surrounding area and adjoining towns have enjoyed the facilities of Coral Lanes.

In 1972 Ray and Liz Bradley opened Ray Bradley's Mobile Mart, a mobile home and travel trailer sales, located directly behind Coral Lanes. Their two children, Greg and Cathy, helped their parents in both businesses.

# Frigid Foods Locker Service

(Shown in picture above, taken on opening day at the Locker Plant are, *l-r:* Burl Cox, next two unidentified, Nelson Lee, Ruth Welty, Preston Hutchison, Jack Wood and Harold Klein.)

Jack Wood began the Frigid Foods Locker Service at 611 W. Newton street in Versailles in 1953.

In the beginning the business specialized in slaughtering and processing cattle for area farmers. The service has now expanded into a processing, wholesale and retail meet store that does custom cutting for its customers.

The store also handles frozen foods, other than meats, and sells cheese, cold cuts and other foods to patrons of the store.

## BOB'S SUNDRIES

Bob Sousley purchased Fain's Drug Store from Leonard and Lenora Fain in 1964. He started working for Fain as a fountain boy when he was thirteen years old and later became a full-time clerk and bookkeeper.

Fain, who was a registered pharmacist, dispensed drugs and filled prescriptions. Bob sells non-prescription drugs, cosmetics, notions, jewelry, livestock and animal medicines, hospital articles, etc.

He remodeled the store, put on a new front and took out the fountain back bar and stools and replaced them with tables and chairs where Versailles business people take their coffee breaks.

He worked for Lenora Fain after her husband's death in Oct., 1963.

He is assocated in the store by his sons, Ray and Nolan.

## DAVENPORT'S JEWELRY

Davenport's Jewelry Store, Charles and Maurine

Charles and Maurine Davenport bought the jewelry store at the corner of North Monroe and West Newton street in Versailles from Paul and Hazel Barnes in 19 .

The Barnes' bought the store from the late C.B. Stover, jeweler in Versailles for many years.

Davenport's have remodeled and made improvements to the store and handle fine china, crystal, gift ware, clocks, watches, diamonds, leatherwear, costume jewelry, cosmetics and many other items.

## THE FASHION SHOP

Mrs. Minnie Newton and Miss Bertha Johns opened the Fashion Shop on North Monroe Street in Versailles in 1926 with ladies ready-to-wear stock.

When Mrs. Newton died in 1930 Miss Johns bought her interest in the business and hired Miss Lucy Williams to work for her. Later Mrs. C.E. Willson and others worked at the shop.

Evalena Johns Bickford, sister of Miss Johns, came in 1957 and took over the store when Miss Bertha Johns retired Jan. 1, 1966. She is the present proprietor.

The place was originally called The Fashion Hat Shop because Miss Johns and Mrs. Newton made and sold hats.

The shop still carries hats, ladies' ready-to-wear, accessories, children's clothing and linens.

## GAMBLE'S STORE

Household items — Shop Gamble's

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hodges bought Gamble's Store, located on West Newton Street in Versailles September, 1978 from Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hulett, who had bought the business from Mr. and Mrs. Uel Chasteen.

Dean, Virginia and Ron Hodges are authorized dealer for Gamble's and handle appliances, televisions, stereos, lawn and garden implements, hardware, gift items and much more.

# GOOD SHEPHERD NURSING HOME

The Kidwell Rest Home, built in 1954 by Wm. F. Kidwell, Versailles funeral director, was in operation with 47 patients until Feb. 1, 1972 when the home was closed and the patients moved into the new 60-bed Good Shepherd Nursing Home. In 1967 Roy E. Otten, Moss McDonald and D.K. Hunter laid plans for a nursing home district. In March, 1968, voters of the area approved the formation of a district composed of 11 square miles in Moniteau County, 435 in Morgan County and 55 in Camden County.

First board members elected were D.K. Hunter, Moss McDonald, Leonard Koenke, Jr., Hershel Yows, Fern McMillan and Homer Real. Others who have served on the board are C.L. Rice, Nona Moore and Ethel Jones.

In an election Dec. 1, 1970. voters of the district authorized the issuance of $475,000 to build the Good Shepherd Nursing Home. On Mar. 1, 1974 voters again approved a bond issue of $495,000 for an addition to the home to increase the capacity to 120 beds.

By a declaratory judgment of the Circuit Court of Morgan County, the Kidwell Nursing Home became the property of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home District, was remodeled and opened in Aug., 1976 as a boarding home with 24-resident capacity.

The Good Shepherd Nursing Home has admitted 512 patients since its opening in 1972. In July, 1979, 73 of the 120 residents are age 80 years or more the oldest, Myron T. McCollister, 105 years old.

The home employs 106 people to perform the services offered. Employees with service records exceeding seven years are Gene Bartram, administrator; Donna Hurt, licensed administrative secretary; Louisa Lehman, R.N., director of nursing; Arlene Ferguson, food service. director; Lucille Schouten, laundry supervisor; Thomas Ross, hosekeeping supervisior; Mary Jo Rimel, licensed practical nurse; Bonnie Moritz and Lois Schick, medicines aides; Gladys Wood, laundry clerk; Della Ware, head cook, and Sharon Vogt, assistant cook; Nellie Ross, Helen Shewmaker and Dorothy Woods, nurses' aides. Exceeding five years service are Donna Turner, Clara Holsopple, Marjorie Force, Norma Thruston, L.P.N., Marjorie Drury and Ann Lucas.

Entertainment and services are provided by the Nursing Home Guild, organized in 1972, area musical groups, school choruses, the Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church with Sunday School classes each Sunday and organizations and clubs.

Among those who have made contributions and donations to the home are Ada Hibdon, Essee Hibdon, Isaac Bradshaw, Tilla Bradshaw, family of Russell P. Hall, Ira Purvis family and. family of A.J. Bolinger, who were the largest of the 315 conbributors.

Dr. C. Robert Hall is medical director of the home. Other physicians on the staff are Jack Gunn, Ruth Kauffman, Ray Lyle, Howard Hoffa, J. Loren Washburn and Henry Petry.

In 1978 members of the Board of Directors and volunteers, Gene Bartram and Dave Hendrix, formed a corporation and, with their own money, provided required matching funds to secure the housing project near the home, to be completed Dec., 1979.

The Farmers Home Administration has approved the application of a loan for $1,060,000 to build a 60-bed nursing home at Laurie, Mo.

# Gunn Clinic

The late Dr. Aubrey Jackson Gunn, father of Dr. Jack Gunn, who represents the fourth generation of Gunn doctors in Versailles, and Dr. W.G. (Greg) Gunn, his brother, took care of the medical needs of the people for many years before establishing the Gunn Clinic in a new brick building on North Monroe Street in Versailles. Both doctors were graduates of Barnes Medical College in St. Louis.

The present Gunn Clinic (1979) was built and opened in 1964. Doctors on the staff now are Dr. Jack Gunn, graduate of Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, who came to the clinic in 1950. He is a great-grandson of Dr. John B. Thruston, who began the practice of medicine in Versailles in 1837. Dr. Gabriel Gunn, graduate of St. Louis Medical College in 1876 and a son-in-law of Dr. Thruston, began the practice of medicine in Versailles in 1876.

Dr. Ruth Kauffman joined the Gunn Clinic staff in 1949 after graduating from Washington University in St. Louis.

Dr. Ray Lyle, who joined the Gunn Clinic staff in 1949, is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis.

Dr. C. Robert Hall joined the staff at the Gunn Clinic in 1952. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia.

A new pharmacy was built at the clinic in Sept., 1977 with Tom Todd as pharmacist and Leon Tucker as assistant. The Gunn Clinic also opened a new branch of the clinic at Laurie, Mo. in 1978.

Aubrey Jackson Gunn, M.D.

W.G. (Greg) Gunn, M.D.

Gunn Clinic, *L to R:* Dr. Hall, Dr. Gunn, Dr. Kauffman and Dr. Lyle.

# Russell P. Hall Co., Realtors

Chuck Miller

Russell P. Hall Co.

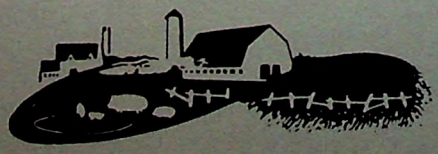
The well known real estate firm of Russell P. Hall Company traces its history in Morgan County back to 1932. During that depression year, Russell P. Hall moved to Versailles from Peoria, Illinois, and opened his small real estate office to sell the many foreclosed farms in the county.

By the end of World War II the farms were sold, and Mr. Hall began to develop property on the then undeveloped Lake of the Ozarks. He was active in the effort to bring electricity to the rural lake, and he built hundreds of miles of lake roads in developing more than fifty subdivisions in both Morgan and Camden Counties. His reputation for honesty and hard work helped his firm become one of the best known in the lake region.

He also owned and developed "Jacob's Cave," a well known local attraction.

Mr. Hall was a charter member of the Lake of the Ozarks Board of REALTORS, and he served one term as president of that Board. He also served for a number of years as state director of the Missouri Association of REALTORS.

As the firm grew, Mr. Hall was joined by Mr. Oda (Chuck) Miller, who succeeded him as the company president, and the firm prospers to this day.



## GERBES STORE

The Gerbes Store was opened in Versailles by Frank Gerbes of Tipton in 1942. At that time there was only one other Gerbes Store, the one at Tipton.

Clarence Cable was manager of the store for approximately thirty-seven years. The present building on Highway 52, West Newton Street, was constructed in 1960 and the store was moved from its first location one block west of the square on West Newton Street.

When Frank Gerbes, now deceased, retired, the store became affiliated with the Dillon Company of Hutchison, Kas.

L.K. Cable, son of Clarence Cable, is present manager of the store.

## GOLLIHAR SHOE STORE

Larry and Donna Clark, owners and operators of Gollihar Shoe Store on West Newton Street in Versailles, took over the business in January, 1972. The business was started in 1953 by Mrs. Clark's parents, Floyd and Thelma Gollihar, who came to Versailles from Albuquerque, N.M. The first shoe store was on the north side of West Newton Street. It was moved to the present building in 1963.

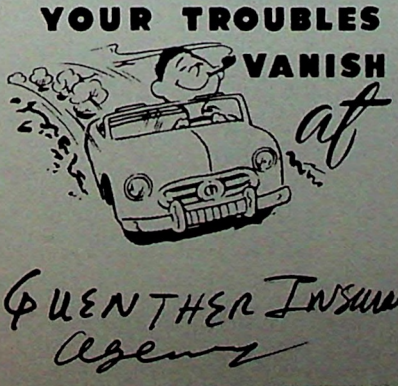
The Clark's handle boots and shoes for men, women and children, together with accessories and offer corrective arch support service.

## GUENTHER INSURANCE AGENCY

In Oct. 1923, Ben L. Rickard opened an insurance office above the Bank of Versailles in partnership with L.E. DeVinna. Later E.W. Guenther bought out DeVinna's interest. The firm was known as Richard & Guenther Insurance Agency.

Mr. Rickard retired in 1963 and turned his interest in the business over to his nephew, Carl A. Guenther. Sam M. Guenther took over E.W. Guenther's interest. The name was changed to Guenther Insurance.

Mrs. Carl A. Guenther has managed the agency, which has been operating at the same location for 56 years, since Jan. 1963.




## WILLIAM GLENN JOHNSON

William Glenn Johnson born November 7, 1923, at Portsmouth, Ohio. Educated in the Ohio public schools and Ohio University — Athens, receiving Bachelor of Science in Commerce (1949) and Legum Baccalaurel and Juris Doctoris degrees from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri (1954). Admitted to Missouri Bar September 11, 1954 and entered into the general practice of law on the second floor of the Heineman Building and over the years expanded into two-thirds of the upper floor before remodeling the east half of the old city hotel in the summer of 1978. In addition to the general practice of law I assumed the position of Prosecuting Attorney from 1956 to 1970 and 1976 to the present date. I belong to the Missouri Bar Association; American Bar Association; National District Attorneys Association and Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys Association. I served as the Judge Advocate Generals Area Representative from 1962-1966 as a Reserve Captain in the Air Force Judge Advocate General Department.

# GUINN OIL COMPANY

VERSAILLES, MO.

378-5500


## Guinn Oil

This marks our 20th year in Versailles, having taken over the Sinclair Distributorship Jan. 1, 1960 and serving the Morgan, Camden and Miller Counties both wholesale and retail for two decades with the help of Nelson Lee, Bill Ball, Cort and Susan Guinn.

We dispense petroleum products to service stations, marinas, consumer accounts, home heating and farm accounts.

Our motto — "Drive with
Care and Buy Sinclair."

*Guinn Oil Co.*
*Bob and Luanne Guinn*

## Hubbard Abstract Company

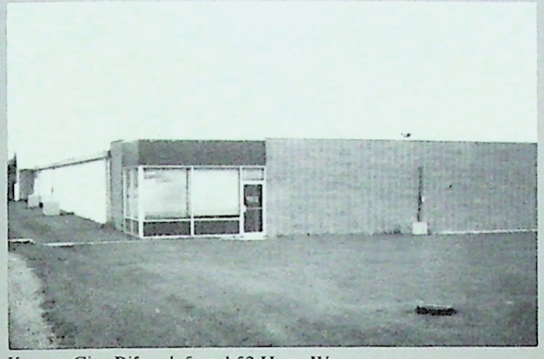
The Hubbard Abstract Company was established in Versailles in 1893 by George Hubbard. His son, Douglas, who died January, 1968, operated the business for 21 years after the death of his father in 1947. He was associated in the business with his father from 1923.

J.E. Barnes, Jr. worked in the office with Douglas Hubbard in 1961 and worked for the Hedrick Title Company of Olathe, Kas. until 1968 when he returned here and worked for a year at Hubbard Abstract Company.

On Jan. 1, 1969 Barnes purchased the Hubbard Abstract Company. His office is located at the southwest corner of the square in Versailles.

# Kansas City Bifocal Co.

A Fused Bifocal Lens Manufacturer



Kansas City Bifocal, 5 and 52 Hwy. W.

Kansas City Bifocal, south side of square

The Lake of the Ozarks brought many people into the area for recreation. Among them was Henry Lee Meyer and his family. He spent many weekends at the lake with his wife, Ruth; daughter, Mary Sue; and son, Waitman. Henry and Ruth Meyer first purchased property on the Gravois Arm in 1943 from Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Keeth.

In World War Two, fused bifocal lenses were in short supply and considered essential to the war effort. Mr. Meyer was fusing bifocal lenses in Kansas City and needed to increase production.

Through his interest in the lake, he had become acquainted with some of the local business people. When they learned of Henry Meyer's expansion plans, they asked him to consider Versailles. The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club both appointed committees which gave their support.

Three lots on the south side of the square were selected as the plant site. Mr. Meyer purchased these from W.A. Dromgold, John M. Earp and the Clodfelter family, in February, 1944.

A local builder, George N. Sherman was hired as the general contractor to build the 60 x 120 foot concrete and glass block structure. Rufus Harms and Roy Otten made many trips to Kansas City during the initial planning and construction states. Bob Schooley of Kansas City was co-ordinator for the construction project. In early 1945, they began to manufacture a round segment bifocal lens that was popular at that time.

After the war, sixty feet had been added to the rear of the building. Even with this addition, in 1962 more capacity was needed. The plant on the square could not be expanded. Employee parking was a problem. Once again a new plant was needed.

A building that was owned by the Industrial Trust at Highways 5 and 52, had been vacated. After negotiation, Henry Meyer purchased the building and the eight-acre tract in 1964.

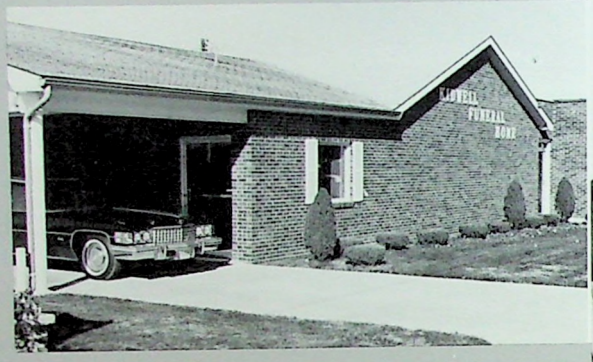
On October 8, 1964, Mr. Meyer died suddenly. His son, Waitman C. Meyer and son-in-law, Tom Smith, assumed management responsibilities. Waitman and Tom continued with Henry Meyer's plan, and extensive remodeling began on the newly purchased building.

As a part of the Meyer Optical Company organization, the story of Kansas City Bifocal Company began in 1932. That was when Henry Meyer and two employees started fusing lenses in the basement of his Kansas City home. Today, in 1979, there are facilities in Kansas City, Chicago, Butler, Eldon, and Versailles. The quality and variety of their lenses makes the Meyer organization one of the top seven ophthalmic manufacturers in the United States.

The name of the factory was changed to Meyer Optical Company in 1979.

# Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes
# Kidwell Granite Works

Versailles and Laurie



*Standing, l-r:* Diane and Gary Garber, Larry and Sue Akin. *Seated:* Raymond and Susanna Garber with granddaughter Ashley Suzanne Akin.

William Kidwell, Sr., moved to Morgan County in 1836 and engaged in the furniture and coffin making business. He moved to Versailles and established the Kidwell Funeral Home in 1844, just north of its present location. After his death, the business was passed on to Dave Kidwell, who was a charter member of the Missouri Funeral Directors Association. Dave discontinued the furniture business, devoting full time to the funeral profession. After Dave's death the business was left to William F. Kidwell. He established the Kidwell Granite Works in 1929 and the Wilbert Burial Vault Manufacturing Plant in 1944. Among his many achievements one of the most outstanding was the contribution of the Kidwell Rest Home, which he deeded to the City of Versailles. This was built entirely at Bill's expense as a non-profit contribution to the people of Morgan County as a nursing home for the aged and infirm. After the death of Wm. F. Kidwell on October 27, 1958 the business was passed on by his will to the employees of Kidwell's Inc., with controlling interest going to Raymond Garber, Gene Bartram, and Marion Silvey. Gene Bartram is a 1936 graduate of the Williams Institute of Embalming in Kansas City, and was associated with the firm until his retirment in 1971. Mr. Silvey was with the firm for many years and was an officer of the corporation and manager of the monument works until his retirement in 1971. Raymond Garber, a 1947 graduate of the University of Mortuary Science in Kansas City, purchased Mr. Silvey's and Mr. Bartram's stock upon their retirements, and has become the principal stockholder and president of the Corporation. He has been very active in community affairs and is a past president of the 5th District Missouri Funeral Directors Association. He is assisted in the business by his wife, Susanna Aeschbacher Garber, also a licensed funeral director, and together they have devoted many years to the funeral profession with dedication and service to the people of Versailles and Morgan County. Their son, Gary, joined the family business and became a part of the firm in 1971. He graduated from the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, Louisville, Kentucky in 1973. In 1976 he married Diane Garrison, who is currently employed at the American National Bank of + Morgan County, and who also assists in the funeral home. Their son-in-law, Larry Akin, is also a licensed funeral director and works in the funeral home and monument works. They have one daughter, Sue Garber Akin, who teaches fourth grade in the Morgan County R-2 School District in Versailles, and one granddaughter, Ashley Suzanne Akin. The other employees are Charles Ball, bookkeeper, Lloyd Sinclair, manager of the monument works, Herman Lehman, Wallace Hester, Mancel Williams, and Kurt Williams. We are proud to be a part of Versailles and its history, and we will continue to serve the people as we have for over 135 years, with understanding and dedication.

# Laurie Terrace Mall

The Laurie Terrace Mall at Laurie, Mo. was established in 1975 by Forrest and Dottie Jones, Eddie and Marie Pue and Dick and Karen Dobbins. Businesses in the mall in 1979 are:

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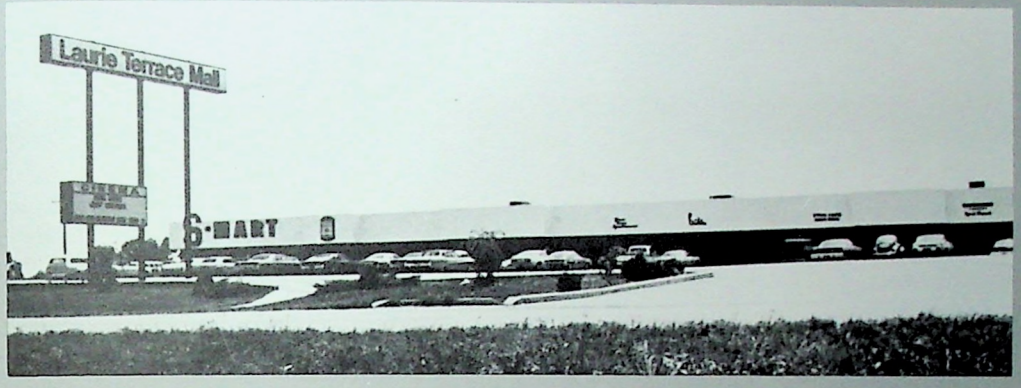



Hair Unlimited, Inc.
Jo E. Dysart
Nov. 15, 1975

S-Mart
Charles and Rosemary Butts
Chris Butts
Nov. 30, 1975

Four Keys Sportswear
Verlin Clayton and Marie Pue
March 1, 1976

Rosemary's Hallmark Shop
John and Rosemary Mullinix
June 1, 1976

Twin Oaks Men's Wear
Gene and Carol Gerschefske
June 15, 1976

The Music Box
Ron Clayton
July 4, 1976

Bruening's Nurseries, Inc.
Ozark Branch
Croft Bruening
April 1, 1976

M.F.A. Insurance Agency
Larry Henderson
Jan. 1, 1976

Morris Art Studio
Ruby Morris
Sept. 1, 1976

Pumpernikle Deli
Tom and Sharon Moore
Dec. 3, 1977

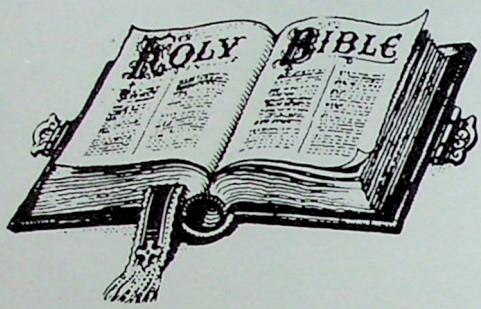
Douglas S. Weidner, D.P.M.
Podiatrist — Foot Specialist
Dec. 1, 1977

Laurie Mall Pharmacy
Gunn Clinic, Laurie Mall Office
June 1, 1978

Terrace Cinema, Inc.
Scotty Fleener, Jerry Elwood
April 20, 1977

Wilcox and Associates
Dr. R. Kenneth Wilcox, Psychologist
Nov. 1, 1978

## L & L BIBLE BOOK STORE




Lee Maxwell and Linda Daniels opened the L & L Bible Book Store in Versailles three years ago in the Sears building on West Newton Street. The store was moved to the south side of the square.

Linda bought out Lee's interest and the store was moved Sept. 1, 1979 to the Stephens Sporting Goods Store on West Newton Street.

Linda and her husband, Tom, are the proprietors.

MARKER INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
112 East Jasper P. O. Box 129
Phone: 314 378-4683
VERSAILLES, MISSOURI 65084

The Marker Insurance Agency started business in Versailles in March, 1952, with the purchase of the Warren Bond Agency.

The agency was located on Newton Street until 1968, at which time it was moved to the Village Inn building, its present location, on the south side of the courthouse square.

The agency is operated by Guy Marker, Gussie Campbell and Donna Chasteen. It is a member of the Independent Agents Association and represents several stock companies.

## OZARK CARPET & INTERIORS

Ozark Carpet & Interiors

The Ozark Carpet and Interiors, 308 West Newton Street, celebrated its 10th year in business this year. Jim Braden, owner, opened the business Mar. 23, 1969. His wife, Jerry, assists him with the business.

He has enlarged and improved the building with spacious show rooms. The place handles carpeting, ceramic tile, wallpaper and custom drapery.

## MAXINE'S BEAUTY SALON

Maxine Bybee

Maxine Bybee, owner, completed cosmetology school in 1963 at Stewart's Beauty Academy in Topeka, Kas.

She worked with Larry's Beauty Salon until May 1964 when she opened Maxine's Beauty Salon in Versailles. She has enlarged and improved the shop several times.

She specializes in permanents, color, frosts, styling, and manicures. Her wig services are a specialty.

# Mid Missouri Savings and Loan Association

Branch Office — Versailles, Missouri 65084
Newton and Ross Street • Post Office Box 28 Telephone 314/378-5464

Mid Missouri Savings & Loan Association was originally chartered as Cooper County Building and Loan in Boonville, Missouri, in 1914. The name was changed in 1969 to reflect its expanding program and services. Headquarters are still in Boonville with other offices in Columbia (1970), Versailles (1972), Carrollton (1973), and Concordia (1973). In 1973, the Morgan County Savings & Loan merged with the Versailles Office.

On March 4th and 5th, 1978, the Versailles Branch Office celebrated their sixth year in Versailles with an Open House for their new office building, marking another "Milestone" in this Savings & Loan Association's progress. The new facility broadened Mid Missouri Savings and Loan's service in Versailles, with Safety Deposit boxes, Drive-in Window, Parking area, plus office expansion, not previously available in their old location, on the Square in Versailles.

Assets of Mid Missouri Savings & Loan have grown from $3,217,980.00 in 1966 to %52,640,271.31 at the end of December 1978. DOring the same period, Savings Accounts increased from almost 3 million to near 46 million and loans from approximately 3 million to near 47 million.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert E. Long, President ..... Wesley Gingrich
R.A. Johnson, Jr., 1st Vice President .. Gilbert Lammers
Hampton Tisdale, Counsel ..... Frances Thacher
Harold E. Cox, Vice President ..... David White
Bob B. Fredmeyer, Vice President ..... R.W. Lacy, Jr.

ADVISORY BOARD

William Caine ..... Darrell Goodman
Gussie Campbell ..... Virgil Lujin
James Mitchell Dornan ..... Otho Washburn

STAFF

Susan J. White, Asst. Sec. and Branch Manager
Amy Schad, Loan Secretary
Carol Johnson, Teller
Eleanor Morrison, Teller

# Pioneer Restaurant

Highways 5 and 52 West
Versailles, Mo.

Proudly serving Morgan county since 1969. Milo and Margie Salyer opened Pioneer Restaurant July 1, 1969, coming to Versailles from Springfield, Mo. Milo traveled for Wortz Biscuit Co. for 26 years before buying the restaurant.

Pioneer has been a very popular place for diners from over Missouri and out of state. The restaurant caters to special events such as wedding anniversary receptions, wedding rehearsal dinners, family reunions and get-togethers and is a favorite place for Sunday smorgasbord diners.

The Optimist Club holds regular weekly breakfasts at the restaurant and many other local organizations hold luncheon or dinner meetings there.

Due to their progress and rapid growth in the past ten years, Milo and Margie and their son-in-law, John Leeper, assistant manager, cook and baker for the restaurant, have found it necessary to expand their facilities and increase the number of their employees.

Milo is past president of the Central Missouri Chapter of Restauranteurs Assn.

# Moore's Lumber & Supply Company

In Feb. 1949 Leslie Moore purchased a sawmill on Highway 5 near Lake Rd. 13, now State Road "O." He began sawing lumber with the help of one employee. The person who stayed and helped for the longest time was Tommy Tombs, who moved to Laurie and continued to run the saw until his health failed. By this time Leslie could operate the saw with the help of one person.

One year later, he purchased 100 feet of land on Highway 5 from Ed and Annie Hibdon, which gave ample room for an office to be built and soon the Moore's were stocking many hardware items. The first salesman to call was from Richard-Conover of Kansas City. Sherwin-Williams paints were soon stocked, together with stains and varnishes.

By 1953 the Moores saw that it was necessary to live near the business so they bought another 50 feet of land from the Hibdons. Their home was completed by Mar. 1, 1954.

In 1957 Leslie suffered a heart attack, but with the help of his wife, Nona, and family the business continued. Leslie soon recovered.

Their children, Claude J. bought a truck for hauling logs for the sawmill, a daughter, Mary Ann, went with her daddy to deliver lumber. Sons, Tom and George, helped during the summer months after grade school was out.

In 1958 a larger office and hardware store was built. They moved in August with a larger inventory of hardware, paints, mouldings, doors and windows.

January, 1960 the business was incorporated as Moore's Lumber & Supply. More buildings have been erected for cement storage and lumber. At present the lumber yard and concrete plant (added in 1976) covers 5 acres. Other storage buildings cover about 40,000 square feet.

Tom and George are now the main ones in the business. Claude J. hauls and Leslie has retired for health reasons. Nona still assists.

# Morgan County Gas Company, Inc.

In February, 1923 Dr. William Well, Fred Monsess, of Versailles, and William S. Washburn of Gravois Mills formed the Morgan County Oil Co., distributors of gasoline, tires and accessories. In September that year Mr. and Mrs. Washburn and children, Loren, Shirley, Mildred, Paul (deceased) and Otho, moved to Versailles. Mr. Washburn bought out the interests of Dr. Well and Mr. Monsess and, with the help of his son, Loren, managed the business until Loren entered Central College in Fayette.

Mr. Washburn continued in the business until 1934 when he was joined by Alvin Bauer of Stover, who had married Shirley in April that year. Alvin at that time. had been working with his father, Henry Frederick Bauer, who owned the Stover Milling Co.

After Alvin became manager of Morgan County Oil Co., L.P. bottle gas was added to the line and in 1944 bulk L.P. gas was added.

Morgan County Gas Co. is the oldest independent L.P. gas dealer in the state of Missouri.

William Washburn died in 1935 and Alvin and Shirley bought the business from the estate in 1944. The sale of gasoline, oil and tires was discontinued in 1950 and the name of the Morgan County Gas Co. was incorporated in 1955 with their children, Carolyn and Bill, as shareholders.

Bill returned from the Navy in 1961 and joined his father in the business.

"I started back before many people knew much about L.P. gas," Alvin says. "The business has expanded with a home office in Versailles and offices in Cole Camp and Laurie, Mo."

Alvin now devotes some of his time to golfing at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Versailles.

# American Bank of

(Formerly Morgan County Bank)

The Morgan County Bank was issued a charter on June 11, 1963 and opened for business on October 25, 1963 in a building located at 108 South Fisher, Versailles, Missouri formerly occupied by the Versailles Motor Company. The officers and employees at the time of opening were Jack Gunn, Chairman of the Board; Harry L. Harbison, President and Cashier; Charles L. VanLanduyt, Secretary of the Board; Omer Goode, Assistant Cashier; Nell N. Draffen and Kay Hutchison. The Directors were as follows: Jack Gunn; Harry L. Harbison; Charles L. VanLanduyt; William G. Johnson; Benton Ball; J.H. Yows; Elmer Welty; Rufus Harms and Thomas Collins.

In December, 1968, Director Rufus Harms resigned as a member of the board and Paul Clodfelter was elected as a new director. In January, 1974, Director Thomas Collins resigned and Darrel Goodman was elected as a new director. In February, 1976, Director Elmer Welty resigned and Claude J. Stevens was elected in September, 1976 as a new director.

Condensed Statement of
Condition October 25, 1963

ASSETS

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|---|---|
| Cash and Due from Banks | $265,440.54 |
| U.S. Government Securities | 49,238.56 |
| Net Loans | 8,145.00 |
| Bank Premises | 44,954.92 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 7,273.75 |
| Total | $375,052.77 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Demand Deposits | $127,918.40 |
| Total Time and Savings Deposits | 51,779.77 |
| Capital | 75,000.00 |
| Surplus | 75,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 45,354.60 |
| Total | $375,052.77 |

American Bank of Morgan County, formerly Morgan County Bank

# Morgan County

The Morgan County Bank was affiliated with a holding company, Ameribanc, Inc., St. Joseph, Missouri, effective October 1, 1977. Director Paul Clodfelter resigned as a board member and was elected to serve on the board in an advisory capacity. Gerald R. Sprong was elected as a new director from October, 1977 to February, 1979 at which time he tendered his resignation and Billy D. Cole was elected to serve on the board filling the vacancy created by Mr. Sprong.

Effective November 21, 1978, the Morgan County Bank changed its name to AMERICAN BANK OF MORGAN COUNTY. A new bank building is presently being built located at 401 West Newton Street, Versailles, Missouri for occupation approximately late November, 1979. The officers and employees are Jack Gunn, Chairman of the Board; Harry L. Harbison, President; Charles L. VanLanduyt, Secretary of the Board; Harvey Williams, Vice President and Cashier; Loy McGruder, Vice President; Nell Draffen, Assistant Cashier; Lois Vansell, Assistant Cashier; Mildred Chamberlain; Brenda Vogt; Peggy Green; Diane Garber; Sharon Stevens; Renita Koehn; Rosemary Morrison; Velda Yeager; Nita Marriott and Vinita Allee, part-time. The present Directors are Jack Gunn; Harry L. Harbison; Charles L. VanLandOyt; William G. Johnson; Benton Ball; Darrel Goodman; Claude J. Stevens and Billy D. Cole. Paul Clodfelter is an honorary member emeritus.

Condensed Statement of Condition
at the Close of business June 30, 1979

| LIABILITIES | | ASSETS | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Demand Deposits | $ 2,958,636.43 | Cash and Due from Banks | $ 473,891.02 |
| Total Time and Savings Deposits | 11,300,547.48 | U.S. Treasury Securities | 1,399,650.38 |
| Other Liabilities | 236,494.05 | U.S. Agency Securities | 1,883,389.67 |
| Capital Notes | 71,000.00 | Municipal Securities | 2,305,569.11 |
| Common Stock | 400,000.00 | Net Loans | 9,389,530.92 |
| Surplus | 250,000.00 | Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures | 193,540.12 |
| Undivided Profits | 678,725.29 | Other Assets | 249,832.03 |
| Total | $15,895,403.25 | Total | $15,895,403.25 |

Proposed new building of AMERICAN BANK OF MORGAN COUNTY

American Bank (New Bank)

# MORGAN COUNTY OFFICE HOLDERS 1979

Uel Chasteen

Sid Marriott

Betty Beeman

Florence Meyer

George Berkstresser

Melvin Nolting

L.M. (Cotton) Earnest

Ira Lu Huff

William Bolinger

L.M. (Sonny) Earnest

Dr. Ruth Kauffman

William G. Johnson

Dexter Slagle

Uel Chasteen — Presiding Judge Morgan County Court — 1978-1979
Sid Marriott — Judge Western District — 1976-1979
Betty Beeman — Judge Eastern District — 1978-1979
Florence Meyer — County Clerk — 1938-1979
George Berkstresser — County Collector — 1958-1979
Melvin Nolting — County Assessor — 1968-1979
L.M. (Cotton) Earnest — County Treasurer — 1946-1979
Ira Lu Huff — Circuit Court and Recorder — 1974-1979
William (Bill) Bolinger — Magistrate and Judge Probate Court — 1974-1979
L.M. (Sonny) Earnest — Morgan County Sheriff — 1972-1979
Dr. Ruth Kauffman — Morgan County Coroner — 1976-1979
William G. Johnson — Morgan County Prosecutor — 1956-1979
Dexter Slagle — Morgan County Surveyor — 1957-1979
Arthur Short — County Public Administrator — 1978-1979

Arthur Short

## MONTGOMERY WARD — PATTON AGENCY

Bill Patton and Jo, his wife, and their daughter, Penny, moved to Versailles in 1966 from Leachville, Ark. Now, they also have a son, Brad.

After working for 18 years as an engineer for Brown Shoe, Inc., he started in business with Montgomery Ward. He bought the Montgomery Ward Agency in 1976 and sells and services all appliances. Customers may buy merchandise from the displays on the floor or order from the catalog.

Bill also services most appliances for anyone, even if it is not a Montgomery Ward product.

Bill and Jo are grateful to everyone who has made their business a success. The store is located on West Newton Street, one block west of the square.

MONTGOMERY WARD

## SEARS CATALOG STORE

Reu and Jean Reynolds opened Sears Catalog Store in Versailles Sept. 22, 1966.

The store is now located at 502 West Newton Street.

We congratulate the Morgan County Historical Society on the publication of the book "History of Morgan County."

*REU AND JEAN REYNOLDS*

Sears — Owned and Operated by Reu and Jean Reynolds

# Morgan County Library

Versailles, Missouri

"Big oaks from Little acorns grow." The truth of this old adage is well illustrated by the history of the Morgan County Library. The remote beginning of library service in Morgan County was almost seventy years ago; it started as one of the activities of the North Side Art Club, a group of prominent women of Versailles, Missouri.

About 1912, or shortly before, the Club assembled a collection of books, likely fiction by such authors as Harold Bell Wright, Jean Strattion Porter, and Booth Tarkington, housed them, perhaps rent free, in a basement room of the Courthouse in Versailles, and began loaning books.

Because this modest start has grown into a stable institution of emphatic influence upon the lives of both children and adults, it seems appropriate for historical purposes to name the women who promoted a venture which now lends thousands upon thousands of books and other library materials each year; and in the course of its entire history has loaned millions.

Mrs. Lillie Hunter Heineman at 205 South Burke Street in Versailles has a group picture of the North Side Art Club. The following have been identified as members: Sudie Price Gunn, Sophie Vaughn Kahrs, a Mrs. Young, Stella Price Lutz, Ella Daugherty Well, Ross Witten Hardy, Myra Stephens Kardell, Reva Ramer Bremer, Eunice Hunter Witten, Mattie Maroney Heineman, Jennie Letchworth Schaper, Eliza Stephens, Ina Witten Lutman, Nannie Williams Joachimi, Sue French Daniels, Josie Biersach Gunn, Addie Lewis Mason, Carrie Stephens Krauss, Lillie Schaper Hirsch, Lucy Martin, Lydia Keevil Olney, and a Mrs. Zimmerschied.

Library service in Morgan County moved through many stages, some faltering, to its present position: donated volunteer service to maintain operation, sponsorship by the Progressive Club, rent free housing from the City of Versailles and the Womens' Civic Club, the organization of a city library supported by a small tax, the construction of a library building in 1941 by the City Library, and finally the organization in 1947 of the Morgan County Library, which has been supported through the years by the proceeds of a 10-cent tax on each $100 of assessed valuation.

Shortly after the formation of the County Library District a bookmobile was purchased and service was extended to all parts of the county, including that to 54 rural schools, one of the library's most excellent activities.

The library now carries a stock of about 25,000 items; has since its beginning loaned more than 3,000,000 books, photograph records, film strips, and other items; carries books and the like to the schools of the county; and provides a general library service to meet the needs of the people who use it.

The ones now employed in the library with their service records are: Glenn Housworth, 30 years; Lucy Middleton, 10 years; Bonnie Parsons, 5 years; Connie Housworth, 5 years.

*Prepared for The Morgan County Historical Society by Moss McDonald, Connie Housworth, Bonnie Parson, Glenn Houseworth.*

# Morgan County Press

The Morgan County Press of Stover, Mo. started in March, 1911 by. Henry A. Harrell as the Stover News, the young town's first newspaper. The office was first located at the corner of Maple and Second streets and was later moved to Oak street. Even though there was some damage to stock in the April 1916 tornado that destroyed part of Stover, the paper went out a little late.

In 1922 the name of the paper was changed to the Tri-County Republican. When Mr. Harrell marked his 50th year as a newspaper owner and publisher in April, 1961, he was cited by the Missouri Press Association as having the oldest single ownership newspaper in Missouri.

He sold the paper to his son-in-law and daughter, Matt and Clarice Washlick, after 52 years in the business. He retired in 1964 and died May 17, 1972.

Washlick changed the name of the paper to the Morgan County Press in May, 1965. He died Oct. 23, 1976 and Mrs. Washlick continued to operate the paper until December, 1978 when it was sold to Wallace Vernon, owner and publisher of the Eldon Advertiser and Versailles Leader-Statesman, and Jim Anderson, editor of the Leader-Statesman.

Henry A. Harrell and wife

# North Shore Shopping Center

Ed and Doris Sanning, Owners

In 1964 Ed and Doris Sanning purchased 40 acres from Geo. and Thelma Evans at the junction of y-14 and State Highway "Y," 10 miles SW of Eldon. They built a 20 x 28′ building to house a bait and tackle shop and also two boat storage buildings with 22 boat stalls. At this time Ed was employed as a mechanic for TWA in K.C. so his parents ran it. Gas pumps were added six months later.

In 1965 it was leased to Leroy and Ted Foster who ran it. An addition 20 x 30 was added to the south end of building and a large cooler with self-service doors was installed. J.C. Stevens then leased it until Oct. 1971 and increased business considerable. By this time it was a thriving business and a necessity to the home owners and vacationers who flocked to the North Shore during the spring, summer and fall.

Another addition of 20′ x 48′ to the west side of present building to take care of the growing business.

Frank and Gloria List operated it from Oct. 1971 until May 1973. In Jan. 1973 the third class post office at Rocky Mount was closed having been operated by Curtis and Opal Bunch. Mrs. Bunch retired leaving Rocky Mount without postal service. Ed Sanning installed a Rocky Mount Branch Office in the store. The Rocky Mount Star route comes out of Eldon to the store and runs the route, picks up return mail and back to Eldon.

In 1973 Ed and Doris Sanning having tired of city life, brought their two children, Lynn, 18 and Greg 17, to Rocky Mount to operate the store. Ed quit his job with TWA after 18 years and they built a home across from the store.

New lines of merchandise were installed. Stock was purchased in Associated Grocers of K.C. and groceries were delivered by tractor trailer truck. Hardware from Townley Hdwe., paint from Colony Paint Co., boat supplies from Covert Marine were added. New freezer equipment and checkout equipment was installed. The store tried to supply everything that a family owning a cabin or home on the lake would need. In a couple of years the gross revenue was doubled and the business had grown up.

A separate building 44′ x 28′ was added which now houses a liquor and beauty shop. Several people have leased the business duplex. Charles "Yogi" Coates, Frank List, Bud and Mary Ann Williams, Earl and Ina Hahs Williams, Nile Woolery, and as of this writing of Sept. 1979, the liquor store is leased to Charles and Betty Kemp and the Beauty Shop to Mark Clark.

In 1974 Ed Sanning started selling real estate for the Russell P. Hall Co. of Versailles. In 1976 his real estate had done so well that he leased the store out to Richard "Doc" Kenworthy, his wife Judy and their two children, Dana and Shannon.

With new youth into the business the Kenworthys have done well with the store. They added lumber to the business and a better stock of hardware, plumbing and other things in general. They bought a fork lift and a dump truck and started the Rocky Mont Construction Co. They have been well received by the community and hopefully they will continue to make their home in Rocky Mount.

In 1978 Ed went into the real estate business on his own and started the ED SANNING REAL ESTATE INC. His office is located in his home across from the North Shore Shopping Center.

# RAYMOND'S
## BOAT AND MOTOR SALES, INC.

R. R. 1–Box 30 • Highway 5 • Gravois Mills, Missouri 65037 • (314) 372-5115

Raymond Ollison, President
Larry Ollison, Vice President

Family Picture *L-R:* Larry Ollison, Loretta, Charlene, Raymond Ollison, Reta and Milton Lehman.

Raymond's Boat and Motor Sales, Inc.

Raymond's Boat & Motor Sales was founded on January 1, 1965 when Raymond and Charlene Ollison, who were born and raised in the lake area, purchased Ben's Boat & Motor Service. Ben's Boat & Motor Service, which was located on the 47 mile marker off of Lake Road 135-3 in Morgan County, was changed to Raymond's Bt & Mtr Sales. The marina grew and in February of 1968 expansion became necessary. Tom Collins Boats & Motors, located across the street from the present Gravois Mills Post Office, was purchased and operated in the same building for the following two years. With expansion again becoming necessary, seven acres one mile south of Gravois Mills was purchased and a new 90 x 100 building was erected. This new location opened in May of 1970 and in 1972 the original location (formerly Ben's) was sold. The store expanded rapidly and Raymond's soon became the World's Largest IMP Boat Dealer. In 1976, the Ollison's purchased Valentines Resort and Marina located at the Hurricane Deck Bridge. On June 26, 1978 Raymond purchased the IMP Boat factory and Richmar Industries (an aluminum manufacturing plant) in Iola, Kansas. 1979 brought further expansion with the purchase of additional land and another marine store on another lake. To date, the business is still expanding and is still a family business, being operated by Raymond and Charlene Ollison, Larry and Loretta Ollison, Milton and Reta Lehman with future help coming from Raymond A. (Robbie) Ollison and Sherrie Ollison, Larry's children.

# Scrivner Funeral Homes, Inc.

Stover, Mo. 65078
(314) 377-2212

Versailles, Mo. 65084
(314) 378-4676

Russellville, Mo. 60574
(314) 782-4815

The Scrivner Funeral Home was founded in 1952 by James R. and Bertha M. Scrivner. The original location was at 209 S. Maple in Versailles, known as the Washburn property. In 1954, J.L. and Naomi Stevinson of Stevinson funeral home, Stover, Mo. and James and Bertha M. Scrivner formed a partnership, which included the Stevinson funeral home, Stover, Mo. and Scrivner funeral home, Versailles. In 1957 James R. and Bertha M. Scrivner purchased the J.A. Petty property located at 210 E. Jasper, remodeled and moved the funeral home to this location. In 1960 the Scrivners and Stevinsons purchased the Schubert funeral home at Russellville, Mo. In 1962 they purchased the Humphrey funeral homes at Iberia, St. Elizabeth, and Meta, Mo., and at this time incorporated.

In 1965 they purchased the Steffen's funeral home at Russellville, Mo., closing this home but maintaining their other home there. From 1954 until 1967 the homes operated as Scrivner-Stevinson Funeral Homes, Inc. In 1967 J.L. Stevinson retired and the Scrivners retained the funeral homes. in Versailles, Stover, and Russellville, and the homes at Iberia, Meta, and St. Elizabeth were retained by J.L. Stevinson and his son Jay L. Stevinson, also at this time the corporate name was changed to Scrivner Funeral Homes, Inc. At the present time James R. Scrivner is the president of Scrivner Funeral Homes, Inc. and Scrivner Pre-Need Funeral Trust Inc., wholly owned subsidiary of Scrivner Funeral Homes, Inc. They also operate Scrivner Monument and marker sales and service. They employ managers at the other homes, with Michael King, licensed embalmer and funeral director at the Russellville location, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel D. Wilbanks at the Stover location, with the Scrivners living at the Versailles home where the main office is located.

The historical data associated with the funeral home location at 210 E. Jasper in Versailles is as follows.

After the 1812 War Captain John Marshall McClanahan II was sent to this area to operate a government stage stop between Springfield, Mo. over the Osage river to the Butterfield stage line to the north. This location was chosen because he was told by the indians of the area, that on this high spot, where the winds and waters divide, the black clouds would not blow them away.

The first well dug was one of two located on the Scrivner and Floyd Wilson (formerly Todd property) just to the east, both are still open. The first cistern dug to collect water for watering the livestock was filled and closed in 1974 when an addition was added to the funeral home. The stage stop and Inn was deeded to the McClanahans who built it. The Inn operated until the early 1920's when it burned, and to this date when any excavation is done on the property bits of glass, forks, knives and other debris is found. In 1923 the J.A. Pettys acquired the property from the decendents of the McClanahans, which the late Mrs. Priscilla McDonough was a great-granddaughter of Captain John M. McClanahan. Mrs. James R. Scrivner is a great-great-great-granddaughter of Captain McClanahan.

# Slagle Surveying Service

Dexter Slagle moved to Versailles in May, 1953 from his hometown of Fayette, Missouri, where he attended Central Methodist College. On May 2, 1954 he married Joan Bushmeyer from Fayette, a graduate of CMC. In August, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Slagle established "Slagle Surveying Service." Dexter, who is a Registered Missouri Land Surveyor # 189 is primarily engaged in surveying property lines, roads, and subdivisions of land. They currently employ 20 people. The business radius encompasses the entire Central Missouri area. Joan does the bookkeeping for the corporation and helps with other office work. Both are interested in community affairs and growth. Dexter has held the office of Morgan County Surveyor since January, 1957. He was elected Versailles City Councilman in April, 1973, and is currently serving his fourth term.

From 1956 to 1961, the Slagles owned and operated a drug-sundry store. It was located on the Northwest corner of the square and was called "Slagle Sundries." In 1971 the surveying business was expanded to include the distribution and serving of commercial and residential sewage treatment systems, principally in the Lake of the Ozarks area.

The Slagles have two daughters; Amy (17), and Wendy (14). They are members of the Versailles United Methodist Church. They enjoy golfing as a hobby.

# Southwestern Bell

In 1916 the telephone company was a private enterprise and managed by different individuals. Then it sold operations to E.M. Carter who ran it under the name of Scotia. The operations were in the top of the building now housing Erickson's Antique Store. Carter's built the building that houses the operations today. In 1936 it merged to Mr. Leonard from St. Louis and was changed to Ozark Central. J.B. Todd was appointed manager for the Versailles area. The area was covered by a central switchboard who kept eight operators on the board. Each rural line group had a S.O.P. "secretary of the people," who collected yearly dues for the people on their line and for any long distance calls made. In town customers paid 50¢ a month for residence lines and 90¢ for business. They had a switchboard in the Sunrise Beach area and Mrs. Henry Hart ran it. Mrs. Flora Hoff is the only living operator that worked with Scotia and Ozark Central before Southwestern Bell bought the company in October 1952. With this change it went from a one man operation to departments. In August 1954 they cut off the switchboard in Versailles and centralized the operators in Eldon and with this change brought about dial telephones for Versailles customers. Business ran with the office in Versailles and the main office in Eldon. Then in October 1978 they disposed of the switchboard in Eldon and went to TSPS Traffic Service Position Systems where your long distance calls go to Kansas City or St. Louis.

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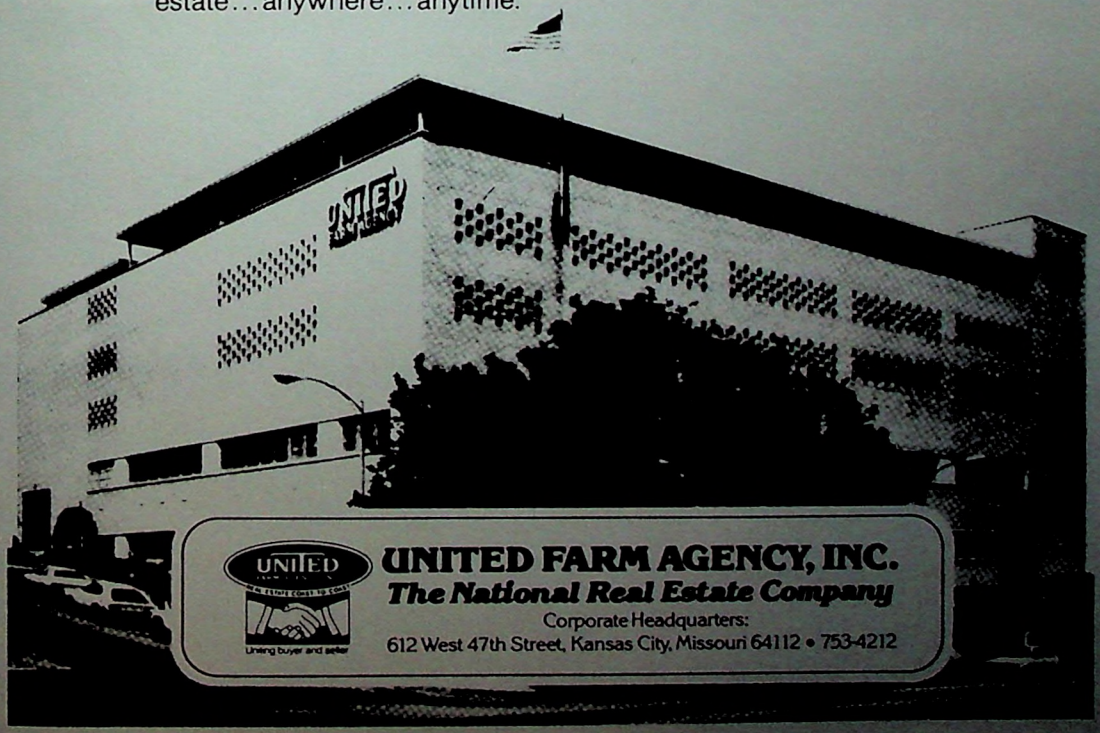


## THE SPECTACLES SHOP, INC.

Dr. Dale M. Mills, optometrist, opened his office in Versailles June, 1958 on West Newton Street, one-half block west of the square.

In August, 1978 he moved his office to the corner of West Newton and South Monroe Streets on the west side of the courthouse. He specializes in prescription eye wear and services.

He is assisted in his office by his wife, Isabelle, and his daughter, Cindy Berkstresser.

## TOTAL LOOK SALON

Highway 5 South, Versailles, Mo.

Nellie McFarland, owner and operator of the Total Look Salon, graduated from the Sedalia School of Hair Dressing. She has been in beauty work for 16 years, working one and a half years for Larry's Beauty Salon, several years in her shop on Burk Street with her mother, Elizabeth Hutchison, at Fashion Flair six years and at Plaza Hair Fashions for six years before establishing the Total Look.

The Total Look features complete skin care and hair products and all lines of beauty work. It is a Unisex salon, serving both men and women. Nellie is a technician for Redkin cosmetics. She is assisted by Donna Cook and Debra Burris.

## VERSAILLES COMMERCIAL PRINTING

Paul Gerber, owner and operator of Versailles Commercial Printing, worked for many years in the print shop at the Leader-Statesman in Versailles. He bought the print shop from Wallace Vernon in Sept. 1976 and set up a print shop at his home on South 2nd Street.

Assisted by his wife, Melva, they specialize in lake brochures, stationery and business forms.

## VERSAILLES GREENHOUSE

The Versailles Greenhouse, now operated by Mrs. Jim F. (Eleanor) Hughes and her son, Jim T. (Skip), was built in 1926 by Ira Wilson.

Mrs. Hughes and her husband, who died unexpectedly in August, 1970, bought the greenhouse from Mrs. Jessie Green.

The Hugheses operate a full time business selling flowers and garden plants. It becomes a family affair at rush seasons such as Easter, Christmas, Mother's Day, graduation, for weddings and funerals and at spring planting time.

# Wenger's Farm Equip. Co.

In the early 1920's Ike Wenger opened an automotive business in Versailles, where he was a Chrysler-Plymouth dealer. The business was first housed in the building which is now occupied by Montgomery Ward, on West Newton street.

About 1928 he moved his business to the northeast section of Versailles and continued here until World War II. He then went to Kansas City and was employed at the Lake City Arsenal plant, where he was considered a master mechanic and machinist. After the war he returned to Versailles and entered the farm equipment business, where he was active until his health failed. In 1961, his son, I.A. Wenger, purchased the business. I.A. has been affiliated with the business since his return from the service in 1946. The business again outgrew the old quarters and in March 1966, another move was made into a new building just south of the old one.

I.A. continues to operate the business in the tradition which . his father started — selling service and quality. They service Morgan County and the surrounding area with the line of John Deere and New Holland farm equipment. The business has grown from the original father and son team to a total of 13 employees.

JOHN DEERE NEW HOLLAND

JOHN DEERE

# WESTERN HILLS MOTEL

Jct. Hwys. 5 and 52 West
Versailles, Mo.

Larry and Shirley Gerken built the Western Hills Motel, recognizing the need for a good motel in Versailles and realizing small town hotels were a thing of the past. The motel was built in 1968 to accommodate Versailles and visitors to the Lake of the Ozarks area.

Jack and Betty Sly acquired the motel in 1973 and operate their 25-units, all modern w/A.C., carpeting, heated pool, color t.v. and room phones as a family motel.

Western Hills Motel, Jack and Betty Sly

# Versailles Leader-Statesman

The Versailles Leader, a Democratic publication, was started in Versailles in the late 1800's by. John A. Hannay and Samuel Daniels. For many years it was published in the east courthouse basement, where the press was run by a gasoline engine. At that time, the Versailles Statesman, a Republican publication, was printed in the west basement of the courthouse. That paper was founded by John F. Mounts in 1887. Other publishers of the Statesman were A.G.. Baker, who died in 1930, his son, Louis Ingalls Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fleming, Jane Kneeland, Dick Jones and Sarah K. Halliburton.

Samuel Daniels bought Mr. Hannay's interest in the Leader and when Mr. Daniels died in 1923, the paper passed on to his son-in-law and daughter, John and Maurine Earp. Roy E. Otten purchased the paper in 1945 and in 1948 he bought the Statesman from Sarah Halliburton and changed the name of the paper to the Leader-Statesman. For many years Versailles was the only place in Morgan County where a newspaper was published.

Wallace Vernon, publisher of the Eldon Advertiser, bought the Leader-Statesman from Roy E. Otten in 1961. Mr. Otten died in May, 1970.

In Dec., 1978 Wallace Vernon and Jim Anderson, editor of the Leader-Statesman, bought the Morgan County Press of Stover from Clarice Washlick.

On the Leader-Statesman staff are Jim Anderson, editor, Debra Blumhorst Collins, managing editor, Jeffry Maxwell, advertising manager, Dorothy Bartram and Joe Lawler, staff writers.

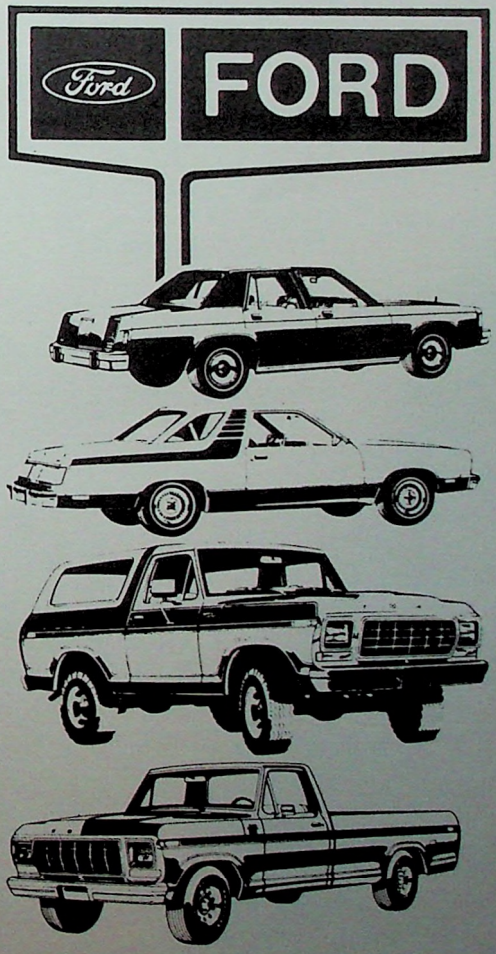
# Don Vance Ford Sales

A family-owned enterprise. Assumed the Ford Motor Co. Sales and Service franchise in Versailles and opened for business May 1, 1978.

After a year as Morgan County's sales and service center for Ford Motor products, the business surpassed the expectations of the owners in new car and truck sales by 60 percent.

Don and Kathy Vance, owners, believe that Versailles and Morgan County will enjoy great prosperity in the next decade; hence, those who invest in the area and function conservatively will prosper also.

The company is dedicated to serving the area as a professional team. All are encouraged to meet the full team and take advantage of what this full line Ford dealer with a modern sales, service and parts facility has to offer.



# Wini's Fashions

Wini McBroom came from Eldon to Versailles and bought the Town & County Dress Shop from Edna Ball and Janet Fleishman in January, 1969.

The shop was enlarged and remodeled in 1974 after Wini bought the 2-story brick building housing the shop on the west side of the square from Mrs. M.S. Otten. Mrs. Otten's father, the late F.C. Thorpe, had used the building for many years as Thorpe's Hardware Store.

Wini opened a second Wini's Fashions shop at Laurie, Mo. in 1973 and her daughter, Margaret Ann Tellman, is manager.

The shop carries such popular labels as Jantzen, Koret of California, Aileen, Misty Harbor, LeRoy Knits, Jonathan Logan and Serbin. The shop also has accessories and some jewelry.

# LAW OFFICES

# WOOLSEY AND YARGER

Gunn Building
Versailles, Missouri

THOMAS G. WOOLSEY
DAVID A. YARGER

KENNETH O. McCUTCHEON, JR.
MICHAEL L. McDORMAN

The law firm of Woolsey and Yarger enjoys an extensive general law practice in the Central Missouri area: is recognized for its competency and integrity statewide; and has the highest professional rating available.

It presently consists of four lawyers, three secretaries and one receptionist-bookkeeper.

The firm originated when senior partner, Thomas G. Woolsey, opened an office for the general practice of law in the Mason Building in Versailles in June of 1948, with his wife Helen as the first secretary. Mr. Woolsey is a fourth generation Missourian but was unacquainted with Morgan County and its people prior to opening his law office. Even while serving the County as Prosecuting Attorney for six years (1950-1956) his practice continued to grow and expand, and in December of 1961 he employed another attorney, David A. Yarger. On January 1, 1964, they formed an equal partnership under the firm name of Woolsey and Yarger. Although Mr. Woolsey served as a member of the Missouri State Senate for eight years (from January 1, 1961, to December 31, 1968) their law business continued to increase rapidly, and in May of 1967 they purchased the Gunn Building. After remodeling the building and furnishing and equipping it, they moved their offices there in January of 1968. In 1973 they hired another attorney, Kenneth O. McCutcheon, Jr., who became a junior partner in the firm on January 1, 1977. In 1975 the firm employed yet another attorney, Michael L. McDorman, who became a junior partner on January 1, 1979.

Thomas G. Woolsey attended Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri, and is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law at Columbia. He served as a flying officer with the Eighth Air Force in World War II.

David A. Yarger was reared in Miller County, Missouri; graduated from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, Missouri, with a degree in business; and is a graduate of the Law School at the University of Missouri at Columbia. He is a member of the Order of the Coif and is married to the former Barbara Haynes of Stover, Missouri. He served as a flying officer with the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Kenneth O. McCutcheon, Jr., was reared in Howard County, Missouri; graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia Cum Laude and is a graduate of the Law School at the University of Missouri at Columbia. He also is a member of the Order of the Coif and is married to the former Karen Meyer of Stover, Missouri.

Michael L. McDorman graduated from High School at Versailles, Missouri; has a degree in business from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and is a graduate of the University of Missouri Law School at Kansas City. He is married and has two daughters.

Helen Woolsey is a tax practitioner with an office in the Gunn Building during the income tax "season."

The firm has been fortunate in that it has only had nine employees including the present four. They have been and are loyal, dependable and competent. The service of two of them, Dimple Campbell Cornett and Phyllis Avery, was terminated by death.

The present employees are Sue Davenport Ball, Lynda Munsterman Zurmiller, Melva Spalding Fajen and Mildred Washburn Six. They use and operate word processing equipment in lieu of standard typewriters, a photocopier, and a central dictating system. They also service the law library which is one of the largest and most complete private legal libraries in the area.

# R.V. Williams Lumber Company

The R.V. Williams Lumber Company was established in 1943 by the late R.V. Williams.

This was no new venture to R.V. Williams because he had worked for P.H. Antweller Lumber Company for approximately twenty years when he decided to go into business for himself.

R.V. Williams purchased a vacant lot from the late Bill Kidwell and he and his wife the former Carrie Sherman, daughter of the late George N. Sherman, a local contractor, started in business with one building. As the business grew, the office building was enlarged and new storage buildings were added.

R.V. Williams' son, Jack, returned to help his Father run the business after serving in the Navy and attending Central Missouri University at Warrensburg.

Before their wholesale suppliers started delivering merchandise with their own trucks, it was necessary for R.V. and Jack to pick up a lot of their supplies themselves. This meant long trips to Kansas City, Arkansas, Kansas and various other places.

The business continued to grow and increase its volume of sales. Because of this growth, expansion was again necessary, so land was purchased from the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company.

After the death of his Father, R.V. Williams, on January 3, 1968, Jack purchased the business from his Mother, Carrie Williams.

The business has continued to grow and increase since, with the construction of several new buildings at the purchase of additional land.

R.V. Williams

Jack Williams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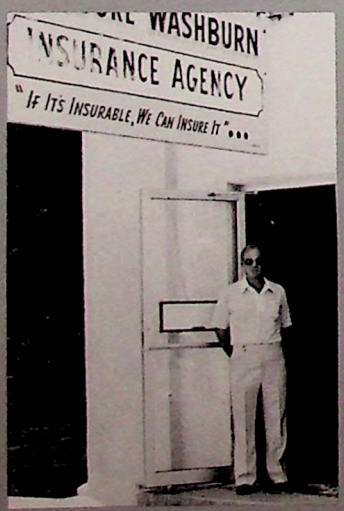


## WRIGHT'S CUSTOM CULTURED MARBLE

at

GRAVOIS MILLS, MO.

VANITY TOPS BATH TUBS

SHOWER BASES WALL PANELS

This business was established in Gravois Mills in 1971. Owners are Edgar Wright and son, Richard Wright. Richard is manager of the Gravois Mills plant and Ed is manager of the office in Kansas City at 20th & Grand.

# MEMORIALS

First 4-year graduating class at Versailles High School 1897

# LEST WE FORGET

## DEDICATED TO THE HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF MORGAN COUNTY WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY

### WORLD WAR I

Allen F. Farris
Roy Weaver
E. Beverly DeVinna
Ross C. Jones
Oren Galloway
Bert Palmes
John W. Moore
Conrad Martin
Clarence Goetz
Forrest F. Rumans
Edward C. Morrow
Earl Ratcliff
Ira E. Perkins
Claud Huff
Porter L. Sanders
James Cox

### WORLD WAR II

Frisbie W. Adler
Vencil C. Bohling
Arley A. Combs
Wallace G. Duzan
Joe G. Goodhue
Wm. D. Huff
Alvin Koch
Dorsey C. Marriott
John J. Miller
Webster Morrow
Albert L. Aldrick
Charles C. Rehmer
Elmer O. Smith
Louis Schlichtig
George Waddell
Harry A. Webb
Olnia F. Allen
Paul C. Baquet
Robert J. Cowell
Roy C. Francis
Richard G. Holsten
Raymond C. Jester
Wm. Richard Koerner
Sherman E. Marriott
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Ralph W. Salmons
Margaret Williams
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Frank W. Fields
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Joseph W. Moore
Raymond F. Palmes
Richard M. Pearse
James E. Routt
Eugene H. Sanders
Cecil W. Wilson
Claude E. Tombs

### KOREAN CONFLICT

Edward Gene Dowell
Ralph W. Sidebottom
Albert G.. Hendrickson

### VIETNAM

Lieut. Billy J. Blacksten

## AMERICAN LEGION

Morgan County Post 104
VERSAILLES, MISSOURI

# In Memory of a Beloved Citizen

**WILLIAM F. KIDWELL**
**1889-1958**

Lifetime member of the Versailles Cemetery Association. Devoted 50 years to funeral profession in Versailles. Gave Kidwell Rest Home to Versailles in 1954. Served as mayor of Versailles 1921 to 1925.

The greatest pleasure of his life was doing a good deed for a friend.

He gave his funeral business, his property and assets to his employees at his death.

Gene N. Bartram
Lloyd Sinclair
Herman Lehman
Raymond Garber
Gary Garber
Wallace Hester
Thomas Ross

# In Memory of a Beloved Cousin

## LT. ALVIN F. KOCH

1917-1943

Tank Destroyer Officer
Under
General Patton's II Armor Corps

Killed in Action — Battle of El Guettar
Tunisia, North Africa
March 23, 1943

He stands in the unbroken line
of patriots who have dared to die
that freedom might live and grow
and increase its blessings
Freedom lives, and through it, He lives
In a way that humbles the undertakings
of most men.

*Gene N. Bartram*
*1st. Sgt — USAR (Ret)*

## IVY AND ORA PURVIS

When one speaks of resorts on the Lake of the Ozarks, it is a certainty there is none older than Purvis Beach. While Ivy and Ora Purvis had mixed feelings about the huge body of water that would cover all that was dear and familiar to them, back in 1928, there was never any thought of leaving the hill country where generations of their family had called home.

Home, to them, was their Osage River bottom farm and a country store and post office, known as Purvis, Mo. This was the center of activity in the community, especially so since the local school, known as White Hall, was located just across the road.

In early 1929, the Purvis' bid on, and received, a contract to clear a large portion of land in preparation for the long talked-about lake, that was to come to their community. Much could be written about that time in their life. Needless to say, there were mixed feelings the day they watched their home and store being torn down; all but a few of their neighbors and life-long friends had sold and moved away.

But Ivy and Ora Purvis were "hill people," and they stayed. They moved their family belongings and post office to higher ground, about a quarter-mile away. Mrs. Purvis was urged to give up the post office, but she refused. Until a road was built, the mail was brought in and out by horseback.

Soon, people were driving in to see the new lake. Some wanted a place to spend the night, so Ivy built a couple of log cabins. Thus was Purvis Beach born. The work was hard, the hours long and the tourist season short, but never did Ora and Ivy consider quitting. This was home. Here they would stay.

In a few years, Purvis Beach was a leading resort on the lake, offering complete vacation facilities. Due to excellent fishing and safe swimming, it soon became known as a "family". resort.

In 1945, after 22 years as post-mistress, Ora resigned and Purvis, Mo., was no more. In 1955, when she and Ivy retired from the resort business to their nearby lake home, Purvis Beach resort had 18 cabins.

In 1968, they moved to nearby Laurie, in south Morgan County. Mr. Purvis died in 1975; Mrs. Purvis, in 1979. One son, George, who married Helen Gatlin, preceded them in death. The rest of their children all live near. Laurie: Nona Elizabeth (Mrs. Leslie Moore), Eva Marie (Mrs. Robert Hibdon), Rosemary (Mrs. Charles Butts) and John Ivy, who never married.

Ivy and Ora Purvis overcame many hardships and saw many changes in their lifetime, but the legacy they left their children is a priceless one: a close-knit family, a love for the hill country and many precious memories.

# St. Patrick's Church
## Built in 1868-1870

This stone church was built long ago with hand tools and hand labor by a group of immigrants from Ireland with help from their neighbors.

The materials of construction came from the land nearby.

The stone in the walls was dragged from the quarry by oxen.

The mortar to bind the stones together came from limestone dragged to the site and burned on the ground. The rafters, sheeting, shingles, window frames and sashes, the door and door frame, seats, and later the floor were cut from trees of the surrounding forest.

As first used, the building had a dirt floor.

The tools used in building were simple ones; the labor was great. The structure is sturdy; it has stood 109 years, and with care will stand many more.

The addition on the southwest corner was built about 1936 to provide living quarters for Father Christian Daniels, the parish priest at that time.

The builders were: Thomas Fitzpatrick, Patrick Johnson, John Johnson, Francis McDonough, Patrick McDonough, Michael O'Brien, Michael McDonald, Patrick Leahy, William Leahy, Josiah Riffle, assisted by Henry Purvis, Hugh Lynch, Daniel Lynch, John Rastofer and others.

On March 2, 1979 OLD ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

The notice of its placement on the REGISTER stated that the building — "is an extension of the character of its builders, simple, practical and plain."

The message, in truth, could have said that the character included high faith, determination, and steady purpose. It was designed and erected to stand in dignity, serenity, and confident strength into the distant future.

In Memory of
Pearl , and Eula Hill
by
Nona E. Moore

In Memory of
Michael McDonald
by
Moss, Helen, and
Johanna McDonald

**IN LOVING MEMORY**
**OF**

Charles Albert Gaede
1888-1967
and
Mary Etta Adkison Gaede
1884-1969

**IN LOVING MEMORY**
**OF**

G. Logan Marr
and his wife
Jocelyn

**IN LOVING MEMORY**
**OF**

Joe Kanenbley
1898-1965
Alberdeen, JoAnn, Charles, Mary
and grandchildren

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

J.E. Scrivner

1885-1974

Operator of

Scrivner Grocery

1913-1953

**IN MEMORY OF**

Helen. L. Bass
Teacher in Morgan County
Schools, 1944-1970

**IN MEMORY OF**

Carl G. Fischer

1887-1965
"Adios, Amigo"

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Herbert Bellamy
1906-1975
Married: Gladys. Hoskins

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

"Pete" and "Miss Prissie"
McDonough

Kathleen, Peter J., Eileen, R. Sam

Lena Hulett and daughter, Helen

## IN MEMORY OF

Warner E. and Lena E.
Hulett

Dedicated to my Mother Helen Hulett Bolton, with love and great respect for a lady whose faith and love for her family will last for more than a lifetime.

Cynthia Bolton Vestweber

## IN MEMORY

"Happy memories are indestructible possessions which nothing can take from us."

*Isabel B. Rose*

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# FAMILY RECORD

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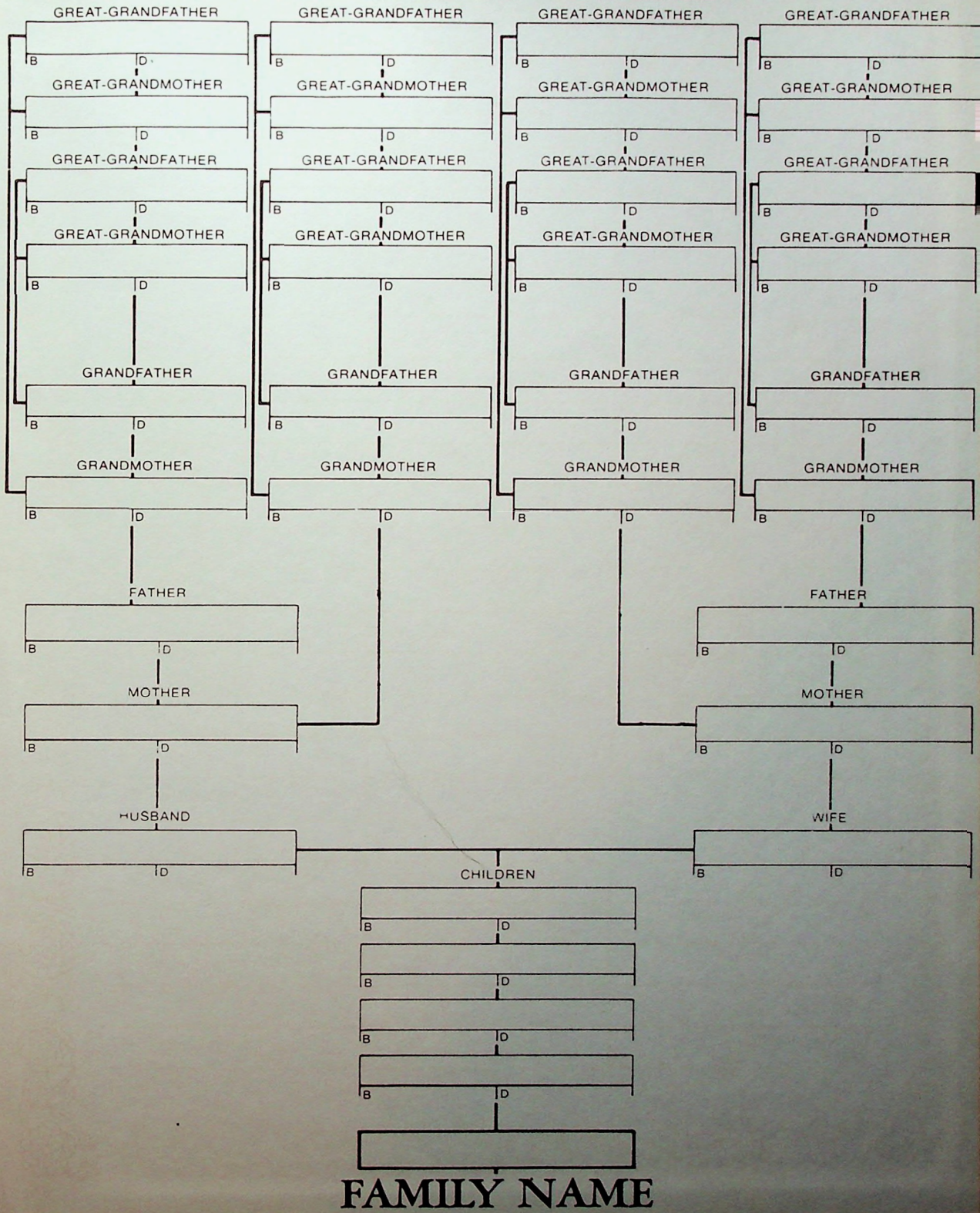
# FAMILY TREE

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